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NANKING STUDENTS RESTIVE

Anti-British Slogans Plaster Chinese Capital

Alert At Kowloon

Kowloon Walled City squatters were yesterday preparing to cope with what they said will be an attempt by the police this morning to "drive them from the land."

They said they had been verbally told by a European police inspector, accompanied by two Chinese police, that unless they moved out by today, action would be taken to clear them out.

Yesterday, following a meeting of the so-called "Po On County Kowloon Walled City Residents Association," measures on how to cope with any police action were decided upon.

The squatters have piled up stones, bricks, pieces of wood and "other missiles."

On Saturday, they approached Mr. T. W. Kwok, Special Commissioner (Foreign Affairs) for Kwangtung-Kwangsi and asked what they should do in the event of police action.

Mr. Kwok, it was learned yesterday, informed them that he was awaiting advice from Nanking.

The squatters have been sleeping in the open, and under improvised tents since their structures were pulled down for the second time by the police a week ago.

They have persistently refused to move out.

French Face Blame Too

Shanghai, Jan. 18. The "Ta Kung Pao," China's leading independent daily, published a "delayed" despatch from Kowloon, the capital of Yunnan province, today alleging that "several dozens" of French troops invaded Chinese villages near the city of Kiangcheng, 20 miles inside Yunnan from the Indo-China frontier, on December 27 last year but were repulsed by the villagers "after a fierce battle lasting more than one hour."

The report charged the French force with using "heavy and light firearms" and said that seven Chinese were killed and one wounded. The despatch further alleged that the French seized a "considerable quantity of fowls and some cattle."

MAGISTRATE FROM PO ON VISITS WALLED CITY

Yesterday, Wong Kai-hau (Po On Magistrate) and Chui Kam-ching (Social Affairs Bureau of Po On), accompanied by other Chinese officials, paid another visit to Kowloon Walled City.

The visitors recommended to the so-called "Kowloon Walled City Residents Association" that the CN\$500 million should be apportioned as follows: CN\$5 million each to Loung Chong (a man wounded, on Monday last); Lai Fung-ying, the woman who was injured; Chiu Pui-tong and Lau Ngai-fu, who were both sentenced to three months' hard labour by

Quiet Comes Again In Shanghai

Nanking, Jan. 18.

Anti-British agitations continued in Nanking yesterday as groups of students plastered colourful slogans in the main streets of the capital, demanding a strong Chinese stand in Kowloon's dispute.

University of Nanking students, at a mass meeting decided on a three-day strike. They also planned street demonstrations with students of other colleges and middle schools.

The posters were particularly concentrated around the Foreign Office buildings.

The metropolitan police, under orders from the Ministry of the Interior, have instructed all branches and stations to afford "adequate protection" to the British Embassy and life and property of British nationals.

"Embarrassed"

The Nanking Government's said to be "highly embarrassed" by the anti-British developments of the past week.

The demonstrations by students in major Chinese cities, using slogans "down with British imperialism" and "divert the Chinese people's attention from Manchuria where the danger of foreign imperialism actually lies."

The paper warned that the Communists might engineer similar outbreaks in other parts of the country and urged the Government to take precautionary measures.

Playing Down

The Chinese authorities, trying to play down the mob destruction of British consular and private property in Canton, prohibited photographing of burned buildings.

The Chinese press has been instructed to publish only official Government versions of news on Friday's riots.

Canton police and gendarmes stopped Associated Press photographer John Hogan from taking pictures of the burned British property, refusing to give any reason beyond purported orders from the police commissioner, Li Tih-han.

Hogan protested to all Government bureaux but his protests were unavailing.

The police cited the case of Joseph Yeager, economic attaché of the United States Consulate, who took pictures of the ruin but was observed by an officer who confiscated his roll of films.

A roll of films was also confiscated from Frank Boucher, 16-year-old son of the American Consul, who was caught taking snapshots.

Chinese photographers who took pictures all complied with the new regulations not to publish photographs.

Pressure is being applied on all Chinese papers to play down the story.

One American official said it was likely that the United States Consul would lodge a protest with the Chinese authorities.

In Shanghai

In Shanghai, anti-British and anti-American demonstrations flared out last night and all appeared quiet this morning, but students and the General Labour Union issued a manifesto supporting the Government's stand on the Kowloon incident and reaffirming Chinese sovereignty over Kowloon City.

Meanwhile, the City Government is undertaking the removal of posters in the streets.

Mr. Pan Han-kwei, supervisor of the department of police of the Ministry of the Interior will leave Shanghai tomorrow for Canton to investigate the anti-British rioting.

An investigation was ordered by Dr. Chang Li-sheng, Minister of the Interior, following a meeting last night with Dr. Tang Tsung, chief of the directorate of police.

Superior Pan has been instructed to investigate circumstances of the incident, the condition and personal safety of British Consul personnel and the extent of the damage to British properties.

Secondly, to ensure that the local police are taking "effective measures" to protect foreign nationals.—Reuter, Associated Press and United Press.

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Drove Into Exile Ex-King Michael And His Mother Reach Lausanne



Spontaneous tears and shouts of "Down with Communism, Live the King," greeted ex-King Michael of Rumania when he arrived at Lausanne, Switzerland in his special train on January 5.

King Michael and his mother Queen Helen were met at the station by the King's uncle Prince Nicolas and Queen Helen's sister the Duchess of Aosta.

The Royal party drove to the exclusive hotel where Michael stayed with his mother and Princess Anne de Bourbon Parme last month.

Photo shows: Ex-King Michael of Rumania driving his car from Lausanne station with his mother, Queen Helen, on arrival in Switzerland. (AP Photo).

Tension Still Weighs Heavily Over Shameen

Canton, Jan. 18.

Fear and tension still weighed heavily over Shameen Island 48 hours after a mob of frenzied Chinese fired the British Consulate in retaliation for the eviction of Chinese squatters from the walled city in Kowloon by the Hong Kong authorities, says Associated Press.

No woman could be induced to leave Shameen Island and go into Canton proper.

Foreign children are being kept off the streets.

The Chinese authorities continued to enforce semi-martial law on the island as the debris of six burned buildings smoldered.

Even on Shameen hostility toward foreigners is still evident among the Chinese. However, several American men entered Canton from Shameen and returned without incident.

The Chinese continued to have heavy guards on the causeway connecting the island with the mainland and maintained guards around the burned buildings.

Chinese troops were posted on all highways leading into Canton and searched all arriving and departing vehicles.

"The Blame"

Americans and British alike scoffed at charges that the Reds incited and led the Chinese mob. An informed highly placed American put the blame for the attack on Chinese newsmen and the Kuomintang opponents of Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung Province.

"The Chinese Reds, vehement-

ly anti-American, are not anti-British. Apparently the well-planned and scheduled demonstration was directed exclusively against the British, not the Americans," he said.

The rioters, many of whom carried cans filled with oil-soaked cotton used in firing the British buildings, threatened the Texaco building.

Employees waved the American flag and the Chinese cheered. "If those Chinese were Reds, they certainly would not have cheered the American flag," the American said.

Cheers

The informant added that when the mob started to break into residence and a servant told them it was the home of an American and again the Chinese cheered.

Both places, as well as other American-owned property, were left unharmed.

The American said that Chinese newsmen, already vexed at the British Kowloon eviction, were displeased with Dr. Soong because the Governor ordered no news on provincial and Government affairs could be given out excepting by his secretary.—Associated Press.

Killearn Says Kowloon Was "Lamentable"

Peking, Jan. 18.

Lord Killearn today told Chinese and foreign pressmen that the Kowloon incident, which he termed a "small, lamentable," was "lamentable as it had developed into something so unpleasant."

The outgoing British Commissioner of South-east Asia said that as a friend of both China and Britain, he "deplored" the incident and felt sure that reports and rumours about it were "exaggerated."

Replying to queries, Lord Killearn said that he was at a loss to indicate how China's strife could be ended but thought that measures for improving economic conditions of the people would speedily depose another.

"The importance of the China United Press.

Sikhs Pray For Health Of Gandhi

As part of yesterday's celebrations in connection with the Sikh Festival of Guru Govind Singh Jee, a prayer meeting was held for the health of Mahatma Gandhi, who began a fast for peace among Moslems, Sikhs and Hindus on Jan. 13.

The prayer meeting, which was held in the Sikh Temple, was well attended by members of the Indian community of Hong Kong.

Above the entrance to the temple was hung a large sized photograph of Mahatma Gandhi, encircled with a garland of flowers. On conclusion of the meeting, the gathering was provided with food and refreshments in the compound of the temple.

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Takeo Will Face Trial Today

Six years ago, Lt. Gen. Ito Takeo led Japan's 38th Infantry Unit of the 38th Division in the attack on Hong Kong.

Today he will face the Hong Kong No. 5 War Crimes Court at East Point charged with the responsibility of allowing his men to ill-treat Allied prisoners of war and civilian residents, causing several deaths.

It will face four counts of violating the laws and usages of war. The alleged crimes were committed by Ito's men between December 17, 1941 and December 31, 1941.

Major M. L. Omsby will prosecute, with Lt. Col. P. Warwick as President of the Court, and Maj. V. E. Howse and Capt. J. Benson, as the two Members.

PRISON BREAK AT NANWEI

Shanghai, Jan. 18. More than 20 of approximately 70 prisoners at the detention house of the National High Court, Kiangsu Province, escaped several days ago.

The prisoners, a guard, gagged and tied him and then made their break. Many escapes are said to be under death sentences.—Reuter.

First U.S. Citizen Slain In Palestine

Jerusalem, Jan. 18.

Jewish sources reported today the death of the first United States citizen in Palestine's communal violence since the United Nations' partition decision.

The Jewish announcement came as the heaviest Arab-Jewish fighting since the U.N. vote on November 29 subsided in the Judean hills.

Jewish sources said that Moshe Perlman of Brooklyn, New York, was one of 35 Jews killed on a camel track in the Judean hills on Friday.

He was a former soldier student in the Hebrew University philosophy school here, where he enrolled a year ago under the "G.I. Bill of Rights."

The Jews were slain, police said, by Arabs firing machine-guns from ambush near Jaba, four miles off the road from Bethlehem south to Hebron.

In resisting, the Jewish party killed four Arabs. Six other Arabs were killed the same day in a Jewish raid on Surif village, three miles to the south.

Siege

The series of encounters in the Judean hills began in mid-week with an Arab siege of four Jewish settlements.

New fighting occurred in the area last night.

Police said it was the heaviest since the partition vote. Both Jewish and Arab informants reported casualties high.

The battle broke out, police said, when three Arab villages were surrounded by Jewish forces, uniformed and helmeted. The action ranged over a 15-mile triangle between Bethlehem and Hebron.

Ambush

Arabs today also ambushed a Jewish convoy en route from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem as it passed through the village of Abu Ghosh, 10 kilometres from its destination, killing one Jew and wounding seven others seriously.

One Jew was still missing after the attack.

The Palestine government revealed today that the all-Arab Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, which had been encamped in

northern Palestine, had been "withdrawn to its depots."

The communique explained that the force, which number 3,000 may have to face Arab "attacks which might be carried out from an outside country" and that this task might prove too great for the force.

However, it was reported that members of the Frontier Force told the British that they were on the Palestine border.

The move follows persistent demands by the Jewish Agency for the transfer of the force from what the Agency called a potential Jewish state area.

In 1938 when Jerusalem's old city was occupied by the Arab rebels the Trans-Jordan frontier force refused to participate with the British forces in "conquering" the old city.

The force, financed by the Palestine Government, is used to patrol the Holy Land's borders. It is rumoured the force may be handed over to King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan for incorporation into the Arab Legion.—Associated Press and United Press.

Three Big Blasts Rock U.S. Army Post

San Antonio (Texas), Jan. 18.

Three big explosions in Fort San Houston today rocked the north-east section of the city.

Firemen fought a large blaze which arose in the army post for more than four hours.

There were no reports of an deaths.

The explosions followed at intervals of one hour.

An officer at the post said a complete check up would be made before further information would be released. He believed that leaking gas mains caused the blasts.—United Press.

AIR EVACUATION FROM MUKDEN HAS BEGUN

Peiping, Jan. 18.

The evacuation of 7,000 people from Mukden started today when a CNRRA air transport plane left Mukden with 32 adults and 41 children.

The CAT has a contract with the National Resources Commission to fly to Mukden with food, medicine and other vital needs of that city and fly from Mukden an expected total of 7,000 NRC officials and dependents of personnel.

The evacuation was expected to alleviate conditions in Mukden by cutting down the total number of persons needing food and supplies.

The Crisis

Meanwhile, Nanking reports that more than 300,000 Communists are converging on the outer perimeter of Mukden and a major battle probably is expected to develop at the end of this month, according to military quarters in North China quoted in despatches reaching here today.

The rapidly worsening situation in the Northeast is further indicated in the recall of the United States Consul-General, Mr. Angus Ward, who left Mukden yesterday in answer to a summons from the State Department in Washington to present a personal report, the despatches said.

Announcement last night of the establishment on Feb. 1 of a Communist suppression headquarters in Manchuria under General

Wei Li-huang who is scheduled to fly to Mukden next week. As General Fan Han-ch'eh's mechanized troops are being landed on the Hapel coast from Shanghai, redeployment of the Chinese Air Force is also being rushed through with General Chou Ch'ou as its Commander-in-Chief, now in Peiping, for the purpose, the reports revealed.

Powerful new Air Force squadrons are said to be shifting closer to the Manchurian battle fronts from North China and other bases.—Associated Press & Reuter.

The Weather

General situation at 0600 GMT (2 p.m. H.K. Time). A typhoon or tropical depression was centred 485 miles N.W. of Guam, moving N.E. at 10 knots. Weak anticyclones are centred over Mongolia and Japan and the pressure gradient is slant over China.

Forecast—Light east winds, fair. Yesterday's Weather: High 84.8, Low 64.7, Rain 0.2 in. Sunshine 4.1 hours. Rainfall: 0.1 in. Total since Jan. 1—Trace. As against an average of 0.75 in. Rainfall at: Shanghai at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. 1948.4 1948.1 1948.2. Equal 64.8 60.1 inches. Rainfall: 0.1 in. 0.1 in. Dew Point: 61 61 deg. F. Wind Direction: 01 010 Wind Force: 11 11 knots.

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GANDHI BREAKS FAST WITH SIP OF LIMEJUICE

He Told Them To Lay Off

San Francisco, Jan. 18. Bruce Smith, President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai, on Saturday advised Americans with ideas of opening new businesses "to lay off" China.

"Most of the Americans who went out for the gold rush are now packing up," said Smith on his arrival on board the transport "General Melges" from China.

"Both China's monetary inflation and increasing governmental restrictions on foreign imports, particularly luxury goods, are raising the high with international trade," he said. Associated Press.

Red Shouts Die Down To Murmurs

Berlin, Jan. 18. Russian shouts against the Western Allies have died away to murmurs in the face of firm Anglo-American determination to remain in Berlin until they are forced out.

The Russian threat against the Western Allies, some days ago by the Red Army newspaper, Tass, had been reduced to a mere murmur. It had appeared that the Russian threat against the Western Allies, some days ago by the Red Army newspaper, Tass, had been reduced to a mere murmur.

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CHINESE GENERAL SUICIDES

Nanking, Jan. 17. General Lu Yung-shan, commander of the Chinese 35th Army, was today officially reported to have committed suicide because of heavy losses suffered by his men in the defence of Laishan, 80 kilometres north of Paoing, the capital of Hopei Province, against Communist attacks.

General Lu, 47, was commander of the 32nd Division, was killed while directing the city's defence.

The report said the Communist attack was on a big scale and General Lu shot himself after his forces had routed the Communists who, it was claimed, lost some 10,000 killed and 3,000 taken prisoner. — Reuter.

New Delhi, Jan. 18. Mohandas Gandhi today broke his fast "for communal peace among the Hindus, Sikhs and Moslems of India."

The 78-year-old Hindu spiritual leader drank a small glass of sweet lime juice to signal that he was satisfied he had fulfilled his vow to touch no food until peace had been restored.

He sipped the juice at 12.45 p.m. (07.15 GMT) 12 hours and 45 minutes after he started the fast.

Gandhi was seated on the side of a bed with his back to the wall as he heard Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Congress Party, announce the end of his fast to a crowded room in the mansion of industrialist G. D. Birla.

The little, patriot smiled but said nothing.

Responsibility

"Gandhi has broken his fast, trusting in us and our words," Prasad said. "The responsibility hereafter is wholly ours. We must live up to the trust."

Gandhi began abstaining from food at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

Toward the end of the week doctors reported him growing steadily weaker, and last night he himself said he was lying on "what truly is a death bed."

His decision to end the fast came after leaders of India's embattled religious sects signed a paper this morning pledging their own lives as a guarantee of the safety of minorities and preservation of peace.

"Finished"

Gandhi's plan to begin eating again was announced first by Aya Gandhi—whom he calls his granddaughter though actually she is the granddaughter of his brother.

She was laughing but near tears as she ran down a hall way past reporters and other-awarding word and exclaimed in Hindustani, "The fast is finished."

Earlier, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, India's Prime Minister, silenced the demonstrators shouting in the driveway outside Gandhi's quarters.

Five Bills

One man bawled out that Gandhi should declare himself the "reincarnation of God and break his fast."

BULGARIA AND RUMANIA SIGN 20-YEAR PACT

Sofia, Jan. 18. The Bulgarian Government tonight released details of a 20-year mutual aid pact signed with Rumania. In an accompanying communique the Government said both countries agreed that Balkan peace "can be achieved only when the heroic people is ensured of its freedom and national independence."

The treaty's eight articles provided for the closest collaboration on questions affecting both countries, including safety

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The Dean Is Down But By No Means Out Yet



For the second time in ten years the actions and utterances of Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, who is 73, have been repudiated by an Archbishop of Canterbury.

In a statement, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, disclaimed responsibility for the opinions of Dr. Hewlett.

Photo shows Dr. Hewlett Johnson (in bed). He is recovering from an illness.

Also shown are his wife and two daughters, Karen, 5 (left) and Kezia, 7 (right) at his Canterbury, Kent, home (Associated Press Photo).

ODD SPOTS IN THE NEWS

MATERNAL

Tokyo, Jan. 17. The police said today that Miyuki Ishikawa, operator of the Kotobuki Maternity Home in Tokyo, who was arrested on Thursday may be charged with causing the deaths of 169 out of 199 babies entrusted to her care, according to the Japanese Press.

Under questioning by the Prosecutor it was revealed that Takeshi Ishikawa, unemployed husband of the midwife, was an accomplice in the crime.

The police said the couple and another accomplice, Ryutaro Magasaki, a former undertaker, are being held. Mrs. Ishikawa admitted her intention to kill the babies which, she said, she had "adopted."—United Press.

THE PIPERS

New York, Jan. 18. More than 100 colorfully clad Scots and Irishmen joined in the largest bagpipe and drum concert ever given in the United States to launch a campaign to prevent piping from going the way of the lute, lyre and zither.

Nine bands of pipers, determined to make bagpipes as popular in America as phonographs and dance bands, played before some 2,000 Scottish and Irish music lovers at the fourth annual ball entertainment of the United Pipe Bands Association. — United Press.

ROUND-UP

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 18. A dozen former lawmakers of the Communist Party were arrested here today and in two state capitals on suspicion of sabotage.

The arrests followed a fire in the barracks of the 15th Infantry Regiment at Jono Pessoa, capital of Parahyba. State blamed officially on Communist lawmakers from the national Congress, state legislatures and municipal councils. — United Press.

THE WHISKERS CLUB



Whisk had its fire on the far side of the island. Just as he and Snow, the Crow had hoped, Jimmy Jack, who was guarding the Old Tree, saw the roaring blaze and at once called out a warning to Black Roger the Raven.

DIPLOMATIC

Washington, Jan. 17. The United States may send a diplomatic protest to Moscow over the arrest of two Army officers in Hungary, the State Department indicated today.

Diplomatic dispatches confirmed press reports that the officers were taken into custody on Wednesday by Soviet troops on the highway near Papp.

They were held by the Russians and under armed guard and later "taken to Austria."

The spokesman said: "We are awaiting more information."

The officers were identified as Lieutenant Colonel Peter Kopeck and Bernard Thiel, both assistant attaches at the American Legation in Budapest.

The Department spokesman said both "were on official routine business in uniform in an official car" when arrested. — United Press.

SECOND SELF

Paris, Jan. 17. Henri Verdoux, the Paris stockbroker who filed suit charging that the Chaplin film "Mon sieur Verdoux" parallels his own social background, will attend a showing of the film this afternoon with representatives assigned by the Court to verify his charges.

Verdoux charged that, aside from bearing his name, the Chaplin hero is a stockbroker, married and with a son five-year-old "like me."

The Court representatives will check how closely the film action parallels defendant.

The real Monsieur Verdoux lost an earlier action to have the name of the film changed. He charged that his acquaintances are calling him "Blue-beard."—United Press.

U.S. - China Student Exchange

Washington, Jan. 18.

The first exchange of students, professors and specialists under terms of the Fulbright Scholarship Act was authorized today by President Truman's Board of Foreign Scholarship.

The initial programme will operate with the Chinese and European Governments.

The board estimated their cost at \$250,000 in currencies of the two countries which the United States has received from them in payment for war-surplus materials.

A basic idea of the law, sponsored by Senator Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas, is to convert part of America's war surplus into scholarships.

The programme for China provides for sending 20 professors, 20 graduate students and 10 research students from the United States in institutions of high learning in China, and for bringing 30 Chinese professors and students to the U.S. for study.

Burma's initial programme provides for sending six American professors and specialists to Burma.

The grants are only for travel and may be delayed because of transportation difficulties. The State Department said that it will make available full information for prospective applicants within a week. — Associated Press.

Vehicular Ferry Expansion

"We have two vehicular ferries running at the present time," declared Mr. Lau Tak Po, manager of the Hong Kong & Yantai Ferry Co. Ltd., when interviewed by the "China Mail."

"There is another ferry under complete reconstruction and this should be ready sometime in May this year," he continued.

The fourth, which makes up the full pre-war complement of vehicular ferries, is at present lying in the bed of the West River near Canton. Surveyors have been dispatched to the scene and negotiations are being conducted with the Chinese Government regarding its re-flooding.

"It is proposed, though nothing definite, to build another two new ferries and this will be considered just as soon as the franchise had been settled by the Government," he concluded.

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PRESIDENT SHIP ARRIVES ON MAIDEN VOYAGE

The 23,500-ton A.P.L. Liner "President Cleveland" arrived here yesterday morning on her maiden voyage to the Far East, marking the first resumption of prewar style luxury passenger service across the Pacific since Pearl Harbour.

A reception was given aboard America's newest luxury liner by the American President Lines, proud owners of the largest passenger ship ever built on the West Coast.

The "President Cleveland," Captain Henry Nelson, veteran skipper and Commodore of the A.P.L. Fleet, in command, left San Francisco's Golden Gate on December 27 with 550 passengers, stopping at Honolulu and Manila en route. From Hong Kong she will sail for Shanghai, Yokohama and then back to San Francisco on February 9.

Some 100 first class passengers and about 200 second class disembarked here yesterday.

Passengers

Among those on board were:

Mr. A.L. Shelton, President of A.L. Shelton Company (a Los Angeles export firm) and his wife; Dr. P.W. Tsou, Chinese UNO delegate, and his wife; Mr. Aaron Ling, manager of Shanghai's Park Hotel; Mr. William Sweet, owner of the San Luis Mining Co. (which operates in California and Mexico) and his wife; Mr. Arthur Lazarus, Vice-President of Getz Bros. Co., and his wife; Mr. Neils Anderson, Zone Director for China of Westinghouse Electric International Co.; Mr. E. Russell Lutz, Executive Vice-President of the A.P.L. and his wife and daughter Virginia; Mr. Thomas J. Cokely, Vice-President in Charge of Operations for A.P.L. and his wife; and Mr. Eugene F. Hoffman, A.P.L.'s Director of Public Relations.

With a length of 610 feet and a beam of 75 1/2 the new sleek liner is, in the words of Mr. Killian, A.P.L. President, "only the first unit in A.P.L.'s plans to provide its trans-Pacific and round-the-world routes with the finest passenger vessels America shipbuilding 'know how' can provide."

A tour through the maze of glass doors, corridors and air-conditioned de luxe "rooms" brings one into a wonderland yet to be seen ashore.

Outstanding features are the "Magic Eye" doors, which open electrically; the 3,000 square foot open air "beach" with a 24-16 foot light-blue tiled swimming pool, illuminated at night by underwater lights; and the second class 25-22 foot pool, ingeniously contrived to serve for swimming at sea and as a "large hatch while in port."

The air-conditioned smoking and game room, containing a jumbo-size eight-player table and 10 card tables, the circular plastic dance floor, a fully-equipped gymnasium, featuring a rowing machine and a variety of standard music pools, the California and Marco Polo Dining Rooms, and the Children's Disney-like playroom, are other recreational highlights.

All Tastes Designed to suit all temperaments, from library browsers to samba dancers, the liner provides the traditional shuffleboard, deck tennis, quoits and badminton. For the early risers

Hasibul, Mo. Jan. 17. Announcement of the marriage in Shanghai of John W. Powell, editor of the "China Weekly Review," and Sylvia Campbell, of Fresno, Calif., has been received here by friends of the Powell family. — Associated Press.

Reminders

Today

Annual Race Meeting Second Day, Happy Valley, 11.30 a.m.
Cocktail Party on s.s. Pres. Cleveland, 2.30 p.m.
Exhibition of Paintings, St. Francis Hotel, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Coming Events

TUESDAY
Urban Council Meeting, GPO Building, 4.15 p.m.
Exhibition of Paintings, St. Francis Hotel, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Japan Considering New Rates Of Exchange

Tokyo, Jan. 18. An official Japanese financial source, which wished to have his name withheld, said Japan is giving serious consideration to the adoption of 10 to 20 "general" exchange rates replacing the present multi-multiple rates which have altered with each international trade deal.

The informant said it is hoped the projected rate would have an upper limit somewhere between 300 and 400 yen to each U.S. dollar.

The black market rate is between 200 to 300 yen per dollar. The military conversion rate for American occupation personnel only of 50 yen per dollar is generally considered to be too low.

For practical purposes the foreign trade arbitrary rate between Japanese prices and foreign buying prices is fixed for each exportable commodity and since Japan was permitted to re-engage in foreign trade there have been several hundred such rates established ranging from 50 yen to over 900 per dollar.

The informant said the projected rate would cut across the present price structure of the bulk of Japan's leading export items including cotton, rayon, textiles, light machinery, China ware, etc.

This informant hoped this phenomenon would produce two economic effects: firstly, the rationalization of the Japanese industry; secondly, larger allocation of raw materials to restricted groups in "low exchange groups."

The informant said the benefits of the project would be at least twofold.

Firstly, a move toward the general stabilization of Japanese economy.

Secondly, to facilitate foreign trade through simplification and enabling individual transactions between the buyer and seller.

— Associated Press.

"NO BASES FOR DOLLARS", SAYS AMERICA

Washington, Jan. 17.

The proposed European recovery programme now before Congress "does not provide for, nor contemplate, the acquisition of military bases for the United States in return for economic assistance to the European countries," Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, said today.

Mr. Marshall made this assertion in a statement, because of the reports reaching the State Department that great interest and concern had been aroused in Europe by what the Department called "misquotations of the testimony of Mr. James Forrestal, the Secretary of Defense, before the Senate Relations Committee last Thursday.

The "misquotations," Department officials said, had led to reports being published in Europe that Mr. Marshall was considering asking for American bases in return for American aid or that American co-ordination of Western European defenses was a part of the Marshall Plan.

The State Department said: "In view of the misquotations of Mr. Forrestal's testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on January 15 in relation to a possible connection between the European recovery programme and overseas bases, the Secretary of State issued the following statement today:

"The programme of United States assistance to European recovery, which is now being considered by Congress, does not provide for our contemplating the acquisition of military bases for the United States in return for economic assistance to European countries. The extent of American aid is only to enable the European nations participating in the recovery programme to re-establish their economic health and vigour."

No Contradiction

"There is no contradiction between the purpose outlined above and the statements of the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Forrestal."

"In reply to a question concerning the importance of overseas bases, Mr. Forrestal, as Secretary of National Defense, stated he would not quarrel with this thesis and added 'I am sure that the Secretary of State will have it in mind. I simply want to underline my own belief that in order of priority I would place the fundamental recovery of national confidence and belief in survival on the part of these nations that we are trying to help.'—Reuter.

RADIO

ZHW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 445 kilocycles from 12.55 to 2.00 p.m., and from 6.50 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 8.82 megacycles in the 21 metre band from 12.30 to 1.30, 4.30 to 5.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—Gerald's Orchestra and Archie Lewis (Voice).
1.00 p.m.—Harry Roy and His Tiger-Kangaroos.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: The London Radio Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—STUDIO: Hospital Request Hour, presented by Ethel Holmes Brown.
6.25 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Larry the Plumber."
7.00 p.m.—News.
7.10 p.m.—STUDIO: "I Like What I Like" presented by Lindsay Remon.
7.45 p.m.—STUDIO: Talks on Fashion by Jane Richards.
7.50 p.m.—Chopin Ballade No. 1 in G Minor, Alfred Cortot, Piano.
8.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Queen Mary"—A tragedy in Verse, by Alfred Lord Tennyson.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.21 p.m.—STUDIO: Raymond Lai and His Hawaiian Band.
9.30 p.m.—Dance to Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians.
9.45 p.m.—London Relay: A Talk—"The Arts Today."
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News Reel.
10.15 p.m.—"Something for Everybody" Music for all Tastes.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

Vietnamese Forces In Indo-China



A combat patrol of the 60th Combat Group of the 12th Vietnamese regiment is seen moving across rice fields to an assembly point.
This Associated Press photograph was brought out of Indo-China. The Vietnamese were assembling for the offensive which broke late last year.

Java Peace Pact Implimented

"CEASE FIRE" ORDERS BROADCAST FROM BATAVIA

Batavia, Jan. 17.
Lieutenant General S. H. Van Spoor, the Dutch Army Commander, and the Indonesian Commander in Chief, Dr. Soedirman, began implementing the truce agreement signed today when they broadcast tonight preliminary cease fire orders to their troops on fronts in Java, Sumatra and Madura.

Both commanders called for the strictest discipline in carrying out the order.

Dr. I. R. Soekarno, President of the Indonesian Republic, broadcast from Jogjakarta Radio earlier today, told Indonesians that, although it looked as if the truce was detrimental to the Republic, it could be beneficial in fact.

"If our ideals can be reached peacefully, why should we fight?" he asked.

When the truce between the Indonesian Republic and the Netherlands was signed on board the United States transport "Renville" in Batavia Harbour today, it halted two and a half years of intermittent fighting in Java and Sumatra.

"Stand Fast"

The truce called for immediate "cease fire and stand fast" and the establishment of demilitarised zones separating the Dutch and Republican forces.

The agreement was the outcome of 12 weeks of mediation and negotiations by the United Nations Security Council's good offices committee, comprising Australian, Belgian and United States representatives.

It provides for the continued assistance of the committee in working out an agreement on the political dispute based on principles underlying the previous agreement signed by the Dutch and the Indonesians last March.

It was understood that on signing the political agreement, both parties would gradually reduce their armed forces and, as soon as practicable after the signing of the truce, economic activity and communications would be restored.—Reuter.

Paris, Jan. 17.
The Ministry of War denied newspaper reports here today that General Georges M. J. Revers, the French Chief of Staff, had resigned; that M. Paul Bechard, Secretary of State for the ground forces, was threatening to resign; and that 38 senior French generals were scheduled to be reshuffled.—Reuter.

P.I. AMNESTY MOVE BACKED BY SENATOR

Manila, Jan. 18.

Congressional backers of the presidential amnesty for 5,000 Filipinos indicted and facing trial for collaboration with the Japanese during the war gained new and powerful support today from Senator-elect Fernando Lopez, a member of President Roxas' Liberal Party.

The former Mayor of Iloilo and scion of a wealthy Panay sugar family, announced he would support any move in Congress "to terminate once and for all the collaboration issue which has divided the people since the liberation."

Citing the election of Senator Camilo Osias, member of Dr. Jose P. Laurel's occupation cabinet, as vindication, Lopez maintained: "This goes to show that the people no longer are interested in the collaboration issue; that as far as the people are concerned, the issue is dead."

Lopez was more reserved on the proposal to grant amnesty to the Hukbalahaps, which was organised as the people's anti-Japanese army during the war years and since has refused to lay down arms in Central Luzon until demands for peasant reforms are met.

Lopez said he would study the Huk matter more thoroughly before expressing an opinion.

Five Bills

Five bills granting amnesty to political collaborators now are pending before the Philippine Congress, which is due to reconvene on January 27.

With one exception, none of the top flight Filipino political leaders who formed the occupation Government of Dr. Jose P. Laurel, have been found guilty in three years after the liberation and in the majority of cases involving officials, including the Laurel trial are still pending.

The constitutionality of Philippine treason measures was recently under fire on the contention that the Philippine Constitution could not alter the phraseology of the American Act, which is invalid now that the Philippines has achieved independence.

The Philippine Supreme Court made the important decision on December 27 that holding of policy-making office during the Japanese regime was not in itself evidence of treason if the suspect official was in fear of his life and his family's well being.—Associated Press.

Smear, Strike, Sabotage

New York, Jan. 17.

John Foster Dulles, Republican foreign policy spokesman, said today that the United States should use "food and creative ideas" to combat the Soviet weapons of "propaganda and sabotage" throughout the world.

Mr. Dulles, delegate to the United Nations General Assembly and adviser to Mr. George Marshall during the recent Big Four meetings, told a meeting of the Foreign Policy Association at New York that the Marshall Plan is America's most powerful weapon against aggression.

He said that when faced with a decision at the end of the war Soviet leaders "chose to call us enemy, not friend." He said this choice was made because Moscow is the "supreme authority of the Soviet Communist Party," which is carrying on an ideological campaign throughout the world.

"Smear And Strike"

Dulles said the Soviet weapons in the world struggle are the "techniques of propaganda and penetration of smear and strike and sabotage." He said the United States should fight with "food, fuel, creative ideas and lofty ideals."

Dulles said the first phase of a winning peace ended with the break up of the recent Foreign Ministers' conference in Europe. The second phase is at present in full swing in a struggle between the East and West. He said the failure of the United States programme to combat Communist sabotage would mean a "major disaster."—United Press.

Atomic Research In Peiping

Nanking, Jan. 18.

Chinese scientists have petitioned the Government for a grant to establish an atomic research centre in Peiping, according to the Government Information Service last night. The sum required is approximately US\$500,000.

Geologists have reported that uranium had been found in at least three provinces of Manchuria, Kwangsi and Suiyuan.

Atomic research was carried on before the war and one eminent physicist, Dr. Li Shu-hua, Director of the National Academy in Peiping, said recently that scientists in China know that the country was unable to produce the bomb but realised that preventive and defensive measures must be taken.

Hence the petition to the Ministry of Education for the grant.—Reuter.

PRINCE TO WED COMMONER

Copenhagen, Jan. 17.

Prince Oluf, 24 year old son of Prince Harald of Denmark and nephew of the late King Christian, is to marry a commoner, Miss Annie Buggaard-Moeller, it was officially announced today.

Prince Oluf will surrender his rights of succession after his marriage, and will take the style of Count of Rosenberg.—Reuter.

GIRL JUST RAN AWAY WITH BABY

London, Jan. 17.

Nineteen years old Miss Muriel Ann Locks of Nathaniel Road, Derbyshire, was at Clerkenwell committed for trial accused of feloniously and unlawfully taking away by force seven-months old Raymond Larry Ward, with intent to deprive his mother, Mrs. Elsie Ward, of possession of the child.

She pleaded not guilty and reserved her defence.

The prosecution stated that a few minutes after Mrs. Ward left the baby in front of the house the baby disappeared. Later, Miss Locke was seen with the baby in her arms.

Miss Locke told the police that she went to get some food and feeling very lonely she ran away with the baby. Afterwards because the baby was crying she went out again to return it. The child's mother told the court that when after several hours the baby was brought back it had been bathed.

There was no sign of injury.—Reuter.

Democracy Has "Taken Root" In Japan

Washington, Jan. 18.

"Democracy has taken genuine root in Japan and will endure," Senator Albert Thomas, Democrat of Utah, told the Senate recently.

Thomas spent nearly two hours reviewing the post-war progress of Japan and the Far East when the Senate was considering a bill to give permanent status to the State Department's "Voice of the American radio programme and related activities."

The Utah Senator is considered well informed on Far East matters.

He recently toured India, and when a young man served as a missionary and teacher in the Orient.

He said he still hopes for a "one-world" programme, but expects major problems to arise in the Pacific.

Thomas termed the new Japanese Constitution "one of the most fundamental democratic documents ever devised."

He said much of the Constitution might be termed "un-Japanese" under earlier standards, and he credited MacArthur with the progress in bringing actual democracy to Japan.

The wide-spread acceptance of the use of Nylon by women of the United States and other parts of the world may cause an economic upheaval in the Japanese silk industry, the Senator said.

Thomas emphasised that he had confidence in the eventual success of democracy in Japan.—Associated Press.

Snow Blankets America

Chicago, Jan. 17.

Snow blanketed several southern states today, spreading east from Texas through Tennessee as the winter's worst cold wave wrapped the midwest. Parts of Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana were white.

Albany, N.Y., had 11 inches of snow, while parts of western Texas were reported with heavy snow.

Seattle, Wash., had 10 inches of snow, while parts of the Pacific Northwest had some snow.

San Francisco, Calif., had 10 inches of snow, while parts of the Pacific Northwest had some snow.

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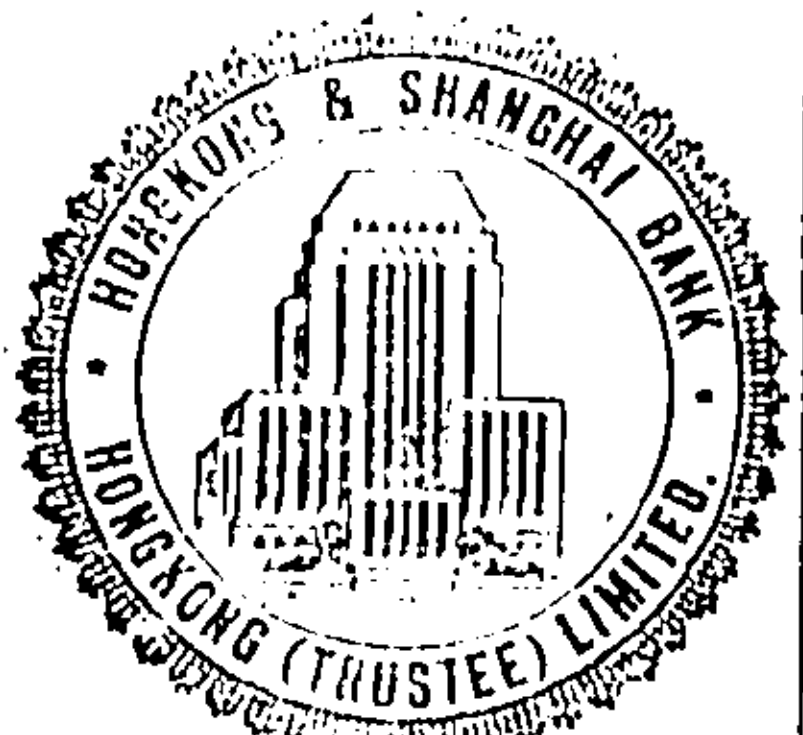
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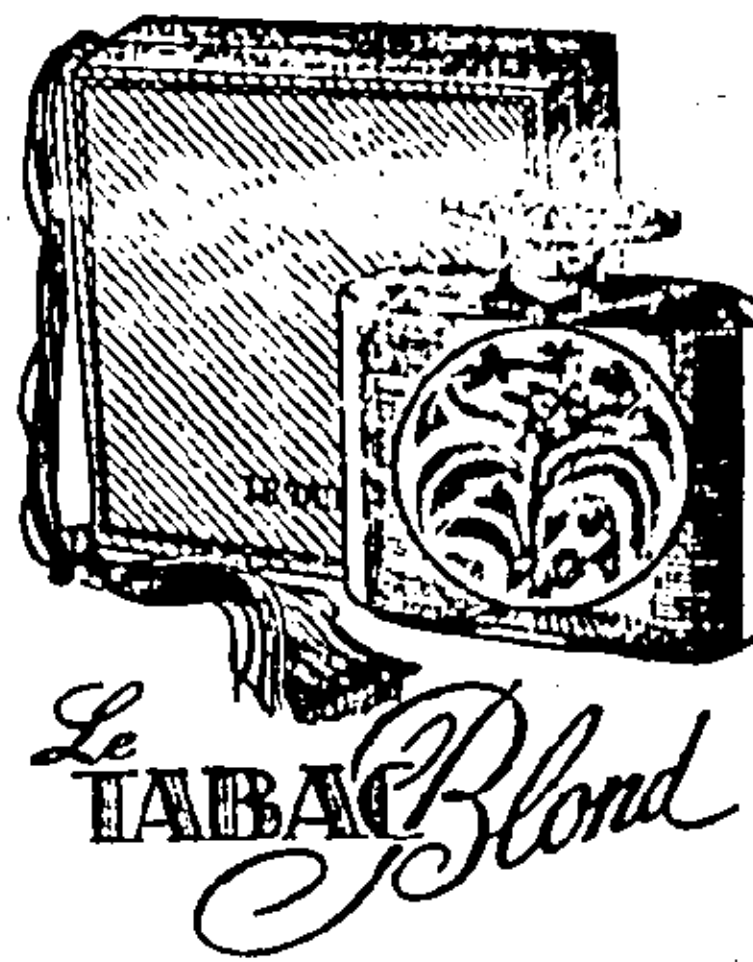
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January.

The DRAW will be held at the Public Pari-
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By Order.

S. A. SLEAP,
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daily until Friday, 23rd January, 1948.

5. Applications to view will be received at and necessary
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Barracks, Kowloon, daily between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11
a.m. up to Friday, 23rd January, 1948.

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1. ROUTE FROM THE CENTRE OF THE CITY.

Drivers of all motor vehicles,
except Flag Cars, from Central
District are requested to proceed
to the Races by the following
route:

Queen's Road East, Hennessy
Road, Canal Road East or
Percival Street, Leighton Hill
Road and clockwise by Wong
Nei Chung Road to Race
Course Entrances.

2. ONE WAY STREETS.

The following roads will be
restricted to traffic as under
from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. on
Race days:

- (a) Tin Lok Lane open to
North bound traffic only.
- (b) Wong Nei Chung Road
open to clockwise traffic
only.
- (c) Queen's Road East from
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to upper levels districts from
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to make full use of this
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4. CAR PARKS.

- (a) Flag Cars: Wong Nei
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East side of road.
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vehicles.
- (d) King Kwong Street: all
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- (e) Yuk Sau Street: all
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TLY FROM A DESERTED
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FORCE AERODROME IN
THICK JUNGLE, 50 MILES
SOUTH OF DARWIN.

The unofficial theory is that
the aircraft has been coming
from Singapore with drugs or
allies for illicit entry into Aus-
tralia.

The aerodrome has not been
used by the RAAF since
shortly after the war.

The police, customs, and
RAAF investigations have been
a "top secret" and are contin-
uing.

Marks on the runway of the
aerodrome indicated that a
heavy mystery plane had landed
recently.—Reuter.

Indies Test

Bridgetown, Jan. 17.
The MCC cricket tourists
finished today — the third of
four allotted to the match —
four runs in front of Barbados,
who declared the first innings
closed at 243 for 5 wickets.

The MCC hit 247 for the loss
of 5 wickets, Joe Hardstaff
(106) and Dennis Brookes
(108) both hitting centuries.—
Reuter.



Fifteen persons were killed and 32 wounded when a bomb attack was made on Damascus Gate—the Arab entrance to the Old City of Jerusalem. Among the dead were 12 Arab civilians, two British constables and one Jew. The attack commenced when a Jewish taxi driver into the market place and sprayed a loaded Arab bus with automatic fire. A bomb was then thrown into the crowd. Later the cab was dragged back to Damascus Gate, set afire and overturned by Arabs. (AP Photo)

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MARSHALL PLAN

Chicago, Jan. 17.
Mr. Henry Wallace, independent candidate for the
United States Presidency in this year's elec-
tions, said today that the Truman Doctrine in
foreign affairs and the "misnamed European
recovery programme" — the Marshall Plan —
were "war policies, controlled by big business
in the interest of big business."

Mr. Wallace, in a speech to the
second annual convention of the Pro-
gressive Citizens of America, meeting
here to endorse his candidature
formally, called for a third party,
"a fight for peace, security and
abundance."

The Democratic-Republican "bipa-
rtisan" programme of inflation and
super profits "were leading to a de-
pression and war," he said.

Mr. Wallace declared that the
present "runaway inflation" was
caused by "big business blackmail of
the Government" and that "Wall
Street got its payoff."

Both the Democratic and Repub-
lican parties were "against inflation
like sin, but they take no real steps
to fight it."

"To the contrary, they encourage
it. They refuse to tackle profiteering."

"Pie In The Sky"

He said that President Truman
made only "futile gestures" and pro-
mised a "pie in the sky."

The President, he said, advocated
a "war policy that must inevitably
lead to ever higher prices and big-
ger profits."

Mr. Wallace recommended:
1. "Substantial" and immediate
wage increases, with the establish-
ment of a \$1 minimum hourly wage
and the preservation and extension
of the legal 40-hour week.

2. "Effective controls for holding
down and rolling back prices to take
the profit out of inflation, and to re-
ject the bipartisan 'Eat Less' policy
of Senator Taft and Mr. Truman."

3. "The repeal of the Taft-Hartley
Law restricting labour unions."

Inflation Drive

Mr. Wallace declared that the
drive for "super profits" was the
main spring of the inflation.

His supporters, Mr. Wallace said,
"would not have been forced to build
a new party if the Democratic Ad-
ministration had not abandoned the
Roosevelt programme."

"Next November, millions will
vote, who would have refused to
place their stamp of approval on the
plans to involve the world in an-
other war and throw the American
economy into the worst depression in
its history," he added.—Reuter.

ITALIAN VIEW OF MARSHALL PROGRAMME

Naples, Jan. 17.

Foreign Minister Carlo
Sforza, addressing the Na-
tional Convention of his
Republican Party in Naples
today, said that charges
that the Marshall plan was
designed to further American
imperialism ignored the
fact that the plan's purpose
was "to make of Europe an
independent zone."

The Republicans cheered
loudly at the statement of
Vice Premier Rinaldo Pac-
ciardi that "insults to Am-
erica are attacks upon the
well being of the Italian
workman." — Associated Press.

They Want To Join The UNO

Belgrade, Jan. 17.
Rumania and Bulgaria intend
to "employ all their strength to
obtain a favourable decision re-
garding their request for admis-
sion to the United Nations with
least possible delay," according
to an official communique quot-
ed today by Tanjug the Yugo-
slav News Agency.

The communique, issued on
the discussions between Ruma-
nia and Bulgaria which ended
yesterday with the signing of a
treaty of friendship and mutual
assistance, said: "Both govern-
ments have decided to express
their conviction that their par-
ticipation in UNO which was en-
visaged in the peace treaties,
is in the interest of international
peace."

They have stated with re-
gret that certain great powers
at the last session of the Se-
curity Council prevented their
admission, thus violating the
solemn obligations they under-
took in the peace treaties.—
Reuter.

PLAN

Moscow, Jan. 18.
The State Plan Committee
announced today the Soviet
Union has completed success-
fully the programme for the first
two years of the current five-
year plan—the fourth in Soviet
history.

Its communique, broadcast by
the Moscow radio, said last
year's plan—the fourth in Soviet
history.

Its communique, broadcast by
the Moscow radio said last
year's industrial production was
up 22 percent and agricultural
production 32 percent from the
year before.—Associated Press.

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Bloody Warfare In Palestine

Jerusalem, Jan. 17.
British troops and police today found the bodies
of 35 Jews and four Arabs seven miles north
of Hebron. The dead Jews had been ambushed
on a camel track when withdrawing from
a "battle" at Surif last night.

Artillery and machine-guns
of the British Sixth Airborne
Division paratroopers halted a
large force of Syrian Arabs
which attempted to enter Pales-
tine today, apparently to attack
two isolated Jewish settlements.
The show of force persuaded
the Arabs to return over the
border.

The settlements, in Upper
Galilee, are in easy reach of the
Syrian Lebanese frontiers.

British military sources re-
ported that the 3,000 strong
Transjordan Frontier Force,
which had been manning the
borders of the Lebanon, Syria
and Palestine, had been with-
drawn and replaced by British
troops.

Iraqi Arabs
The British military sources
said a number of Iraqi Arabs
who had infiltrated into Pales-
tine were killed in the recent
shooting in Haifa.

The High Commissioner of
Palestine, Sir Alan Cunn-
ingham, declared in an official
statement today that "so long
as the mandate is in existence,
it is the object of the security
forces to prevent, without dis-
crimination, both Jew attacking
Arab and Arab attacking Jew."
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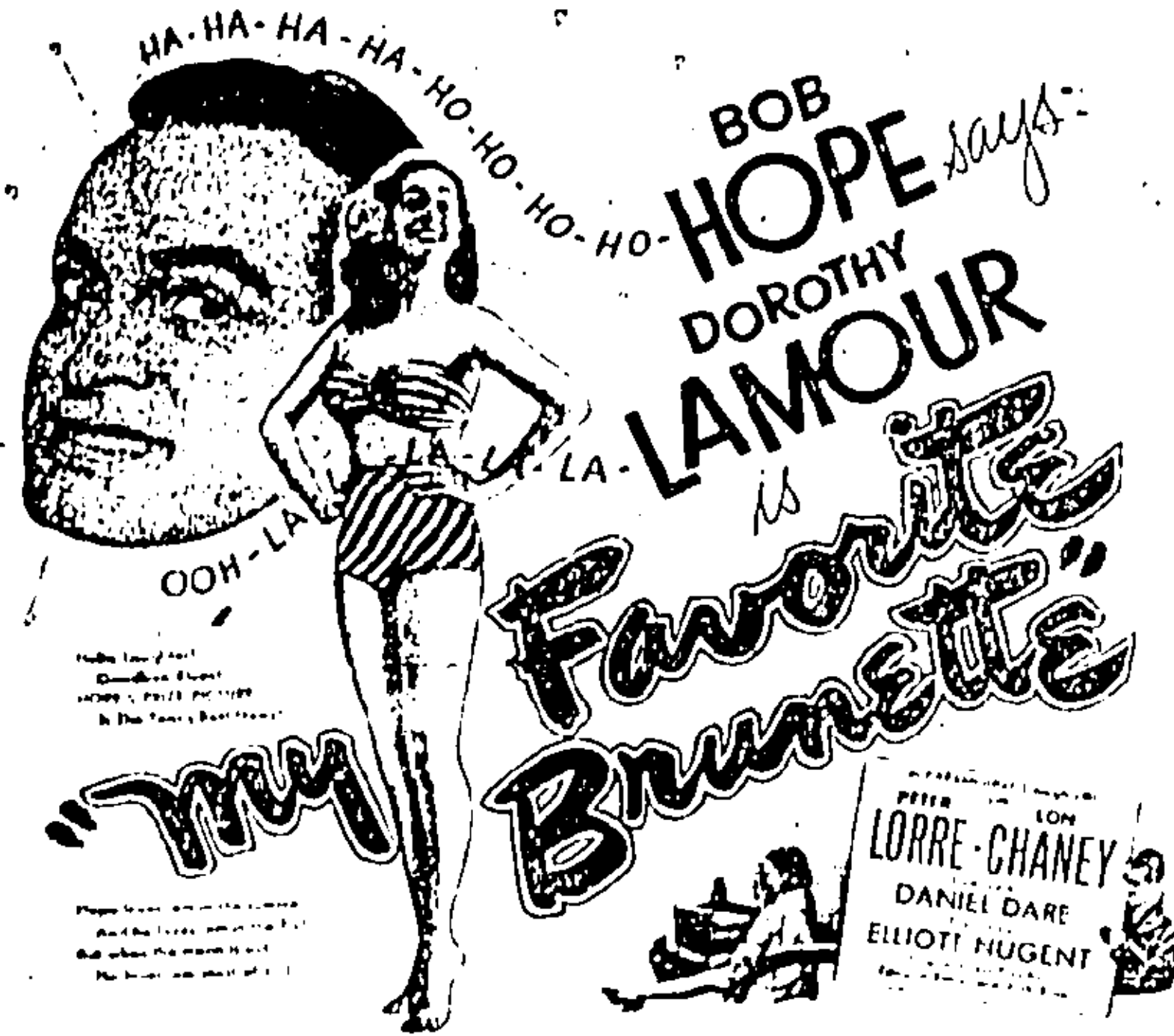
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APPROVED PROGRAMME OF AID Marshall Plan Will Probably Cover European Import Needs

Paris Conference's Shipping List

London, Jan. 17.

Experts who have studied the Marshall Plan said in London tonight they considered it to be self-evident that the American Government regarded its estimates of European import needs—as announced on January 7—as an approved programme to be financed with the Marshall aid.

Commenting on reports from Europe indicating certain doubts on this point, they said the State Department's estimate were, in effect, its own experts' revision of the Paris Conference "shipping list."

It was pointed out that the Marshall aid announcement contained several indications that the figures were considered in Washington as Europe's minimum import programme and one financial expert declared:

"Marshall aid is simply what it requires in loans and grants to finance these programmes after allowing for the dollars that European countries can earn for themselves by their own exports and those of their overseas colonies."

In other words, the Marshall aid in dollars is deemed to be the State Department's minimum estimate of the total cost of the Marshall Europe's approved import programme—minus the dollars that Europe can earn for herself during the period and minus also (so far as concerns the United States) any dollar grants or loans that can be obtained from Canada and Latin America.

To some extent, the State Department had to have regard to the interests of United States producers because they are the people who are going to pay for the programme and if it is not acceptable to them, it will not go through.

As a London economist commented today:

"If the plan were not realistic, it would have little chance of acceptance."

Example

The most striking instance is the 30,000 tons of tobacco a year for Switzerland, although the Paris Conference—presum-

ably by an oversight—listed no tobacco import requirements for France and Switzerland.

How much aid each country needs depends on how much it can earn. At one extreme lies Austria, which needs almost 100 per cent aid. At the other extreme lies Switzerland, whose currency is actual by a premium over the dollar.

A reflection of the American attitude is contained in the recent speech of Mr. John McCloy, President of the International Bank, which was notable for his statement that "the international technical staff of the Bank in Paris, on an independent analysis made by them, have reached the conclusion that the United States Administration's Marshall aid financial proposals 'do not constitute an extravagant estimate. Indeed, they provide a rather tight fit.'"

Equally notable was his assertion that the "main reason to support the aid programme for Europe lies not in Europe's weakness, but her inherent strength."

"Assets"

Particularising, he said: "We are dealing with an area containing 270,000,000 people highly skilled with a heritage of education unparalleled in the world and with technical productive know-how, surpassed, if at all, only in the United States. These 270,000,000 people are possessed with incalculable valuable assets in their traditions of personal freedom, parliamentary Government, rich culture and other great intangibles."

"They are possessed too of material assets of such value as to compare most favourably with the productive potential of the United States itself."

The American State Department made the same point in its estimates of January 7. Its remarks that "almost miraculous results can be expected" referred mainly to what the Americans could do in producing goods to aid Europe, but it was equally impressed with what Europe could achieve if given aid.

Gifted Peoples

"More than 200,000,000 people," it stated, "live in the participating countries and among them are many of the world's most energetic and gifted people."

"The participating countries still possess workshops and farms which, until surpassed by those of the United States, were the most productive in the world."

The State Department itself evidently regarded its estimates of European needs and hence the Marshall aid dollar estimates derived from them as a tight fit.

"These commodity reposts estimate the import requirements of participating countries concerned in the light of availability, absolute need and effective utilization by those countries of such scarce resources," the report stated.—Reuter.

Air Space Reserved

Washington, Jan. 17. President Truman today placed a ban on flying over three zones of the housing projects of the United States Atomic Energy Commission.

These "air space reservations" cover the Clinton Engineering Works at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the Hanford Engineering Works at Richland, Washington, and the Los Alamos project at Santa Fe, New Mexico.—Reuter.

Marshall Plan By March 1

Washington, Jan. 17. The Senate Democratic leader, Alban W. Barkley, said today that he believed that the Senate will approve the Marshall Plan by March 1, a full month ahead of President Truman's deadline.

The Kentucky Senator predicted that a sufficient number of Republicans will line up with Administration forces to block any drastic cut in the proposed \$2,000,000,000 down payment for European recovery.

With the Senate hearings on the plan recessed for the week end, Barkley told newsmen that he does not anticipate "too severe" modification of the programme outlined by State Department officials.

Senator Robert Taft, Republican, said he favours the cutting of \$2,000,000,000 from President Truman's budget requests for foreign aid.—United Press.

Visit Shrouded In Secrecy

Istanbul, Jan. 17. Speculation mounted hourly in Istanbul today over Friday night's shrouded visit of the United States Ambassador, Edwin C. Wilson, to President Ismet Inonu. Foreign Minister Necmeddin Sadak was also present.

Neither American nor Turkish official sources would disclose the slightest information apart from saying that the conference was "prolonged." One source did remark:

"Ambassadors do not disturb Presidents at such an hour as 10 p.m. unless there is some pressing matter."

American officials said: "We can tell you nothing."

Sadak declared: "There's nothing at all I can say."

Speculation was that the conference may have concerned Turkey's role in the Marshall plan, increased aid for Greece, a possible new Soviet overture, or the general East Mediterranean situation—but for all that is known positively it could have been anything else.—Associated Press.

PANAMA EVACUATION

Washington, Jan. 17. The United States military forces have evacuated 12 of the 34 defence sites in the Republic of Panama occupied under the agreement with Panama which lapsed on January 16.

Of the remaining two sites, San Jose Island will be evacuated by January 31, the United States Army announces, and the Rio Frio air base as soon as possible.

Panama refused to make a fresh agreement to allow further occupation of the bases.—Reuter.

BAN ON PETROL WASTAGE

Washington, Jan. 17. President Truman today ordered all government departments and agencies to cut down "immediately" on the use of fuel oil, petrol and natural gas.

In face of a fuel oil and petrol shortage, the President said that office buildings shall not be heated above 68 degrees during working hours and 60 during non-working hours. This applies also to the White House.

He said the order applies to all government buildings, including residences, "except where full rigid observance will impair or endanger health or safety."

The President issued several related conservation orders, including the restricting of government vehicles to 40 miles an hour and the use of a standard grade of petrol instead of premium types.—United Press.

Stopgap Aid Figures

Paris, Jan. 17. Mr. Jefferson Caffery, United States Ambassador to France, said today that the total of some \$33,000,000 worth of goods had arrived in France from United States in the 24 days up to January 10 under the "stopgap" aid plan.

Speaking at the annual general meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce here, he gave these figures of shipments—125,000 tons of coal, 140,000 tons of grain for bread, 200,000 tons of petrol and 28,000 tons of fertilisers, chemicals and cotton.

"France is considered by the United States as the keystone of Western European recovery," Mr. Caffery said.—Reuter.

Flint, Mich. Jan. 17. The Buick Division of General Motors announced today it will hold the price line on 1948 cars although the upward trend of cost of materials has not been arrested.—United Press.

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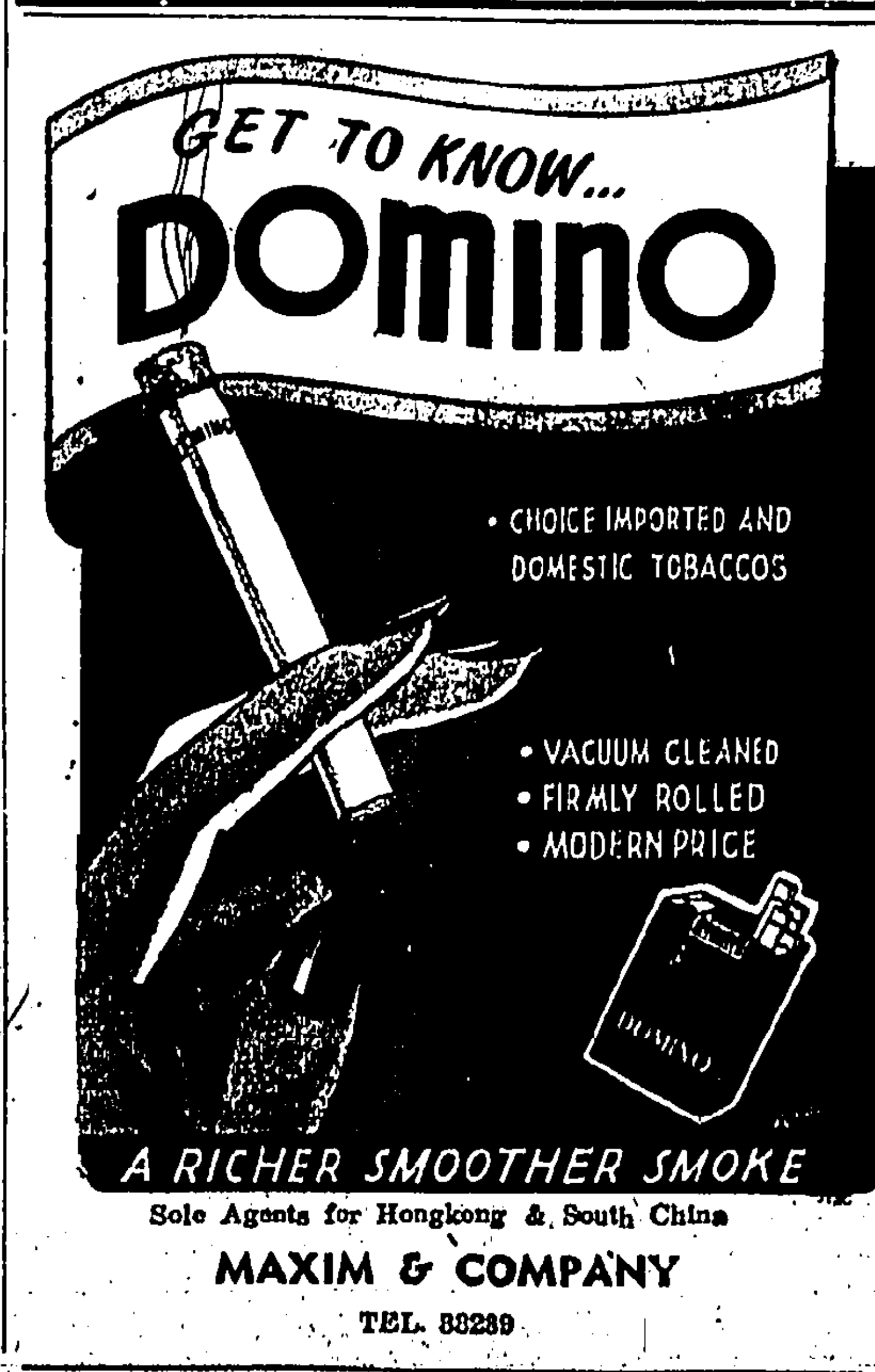
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BRICKBATS FOR BRITAIN

The American League For a Free Palestine is anti-British and anti-Jewish. It supports the Jewish terrorists and condemns the Jewish moderates. In a full page newspaper advertisement it declares: "The British could have avoided the horrible bloodshed in India, but they didn't."

These same British, it continues, are deliberately planning a similar fate for Palestine, and "only when the British leave will there be peace in Palestine for all who dwell there—Jews, Moslems, Christians alike."

Could partisan passion more completely bedevil logic? Indian nationalists are not today blaming Britain for the "horrible bloodshed" between Moslem and Hindu and Sikh. Had the British rejected partition in India and handed over the entire government to the Hindu-controlled Congress, the Moslem resistance, in the words of the "New Statesman and Nation" (hardly a defender of imperialism), would have made the present carnage in the Punjab look like a pool of mud.

The British, it seems, are to be damned for "abandoning" India to bloodshed and damned for not "releasing" Palestine to enjoy the same sort of peace India now enjoys.

Music From The Sun

Two Harvard professors listening over a special radio receiver have heard "music from the sun."

What poetry is in the phrase! What cosmic harmonies it calls up, what ethereal sweetness ravishing the ear, what radiant poetry of tone creating again that immaculate hour when the morning stars sang together!

"It sounds," said one of the professors, "like gravel on a tin roof."

With a single phrase physics blows poetry sky high. Or does it only demonstrate the inadequacy of legend and mortal listening apparatus? Proud but proxy, their most ingenious achievements still fall short of the vision of the golden-tongued poet who wrote:

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars (our sun), but in ourselves."

The Vanishing Maid

A prominent women's magazine announces the gradual disappearance of maids from the American home. The cause: high wages, rents, costs, taxes. The result: people will seek smaller houses, more labour-saving devices.

By a curious mechanized process this brings the American housewife back to the old American virtue of self-reliance. But self-reliance in a modern apartment with help from an electric dishwasher is not quite the same thing as self-reliance in a frontier cabin with help from the eldest of a bouncing brood.

Emerson, the prophet of self-reliance, invited a somewhat abashed maid to eat with the family as a sign of democratic egalitarianism. Since then the situation has changed, and many a mistress cowers humbly into the kitchen to offer a timid suggestion to the maid. Now comes the machine, the mighty leveler, with its suggestion to trade in your cook for a pressure cooker and be undisputed mistress of your home.

Mystery Letter

Cincinnati, Jan. 17.
A mysterious letter from Austria written on a foreign typewriter has led Mrs. William Underhill to believe her brother is alive although he was officially reported missing in 1945 and presumed dead in 1946.

She declared the handwriting on the envelope was that of her brother Staff Sgt Dale Lowery, who was shot down in a B-17 over Austria while on a mission as an aerial photographer. The missing soldier's wife has now remarried.—United Press.

AUSTRALIA PROUD OF ITS WOMEN

Australia is proud of its women. More newspaper is devoted to them than anywhere else in the British Commonwealth.

This year's "Miss Australia" has just been chosen, and a nation-wide quest for "The Australian Girl" is about to begin. In New South Wales alone, a "Lovely Motherhood" competition will soon be over and the ideal "Beach Girl" is being sought.

Facts gather in the course of these competitions show that today's "average" Australian girl is 5ft. 4in. tall at 21, weighs around 95 lb., and 48 in. every 100 lbs. of her body.

About eight per cent. are blondes. Brunettes include what Australians call "the swimmers." Children as well as boys follow these competitions with surprising interest. When boys and girls of the Miss Australia semi-finals began appearing in newspapers, impartial males started looking for judgment in burlesque.

A Recluse

Today any man who doesn't know that Miss Judy Gairford, 20-year-old Sydney winner of the Miss Australia competition, is 34 round the bust and an inch bigger round the hips is very much a recluse.

She is also 5ft. 6in. tall, weighs 95 lb., has a 25in. waist, brown hair, and blue eyes.

She is going to London in May, then to Canada and the United States—with a chaperone. A six-month world trip is part of her prize.

She got \$500 cash for winning the N.S.W. section of the competition, collects a wardrobe worth between \$400 and \$500 before leaving Australia.

In six months this quest has raised an estimated \$100,000 for war orphans and kindergartens. Large additional sums donated in each State as the quest proceeded have already gone to other charities.

The "Star Girl" competition, which opened, aims to raise \$70,000 for the life-saving clubs operating Australia's surf beaches.

More than 400 girls entered the Miss Australia competition—each nominated by a firm or a club or some society working for charity. About 250 qualified as State finalists, which means that at least \$300 was raised by each of their sponsoring organizations.

Beauty, brains, and talent then decided the winner in each State; a local panel, including doctors, artists, sculptors, film executives, educationists, and voice production experts, voting on the candidates.

So in late November the six State winners came to Sydney where an Australian board of five men and one woman sat in final judgment. Their selection was the Judy Gairford already mentioned. She is a model and a radio announcer.

From Lachie McDonald

Of the other five finalists, Elaine Herriek (Miss Queensland) helps run the family pub in Toowoomba; Erica Drake-Breckman (Miss Western Australia) is social mistress of a Perth Sunday newspaper; Daphne Campbell (Miss South Australia) is the actress who starred in "The Overlanders"; Ronnie Goodlet (Miss Victoria) is a model; Judy Bennett (Miss Tasmania) is a social worker.

Some tears and some criticism characterised the competition. For instance, Miss South Australia is married, with one child, and letters to an Adelaide newspaper wanted to know if the competition was for "Mrs. Australia."

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Missionaries Flown From Danger

Hankow, Jan. 18.
Sixteen missionaries and five infants were evacuated by air from Laohokow yesterday afternoon as the Lutheran Mission's C-47 "Saint Paul" made its initial trip to the Yangtze town 180 miles northwest of Hankow.

The plane landed at Laohokow with a load of refugees at 4.30 p.m. and landed at Hankow just as darkness closed in. The flight was made without incident.

The first load of evacuees consisted of six American adults, two American babies; the remainder were Norwegians. There are approximately 30 foreign missionaries still left in Laohokow, 13 of whom request immediate evacuation. Included in the group still in Laohokow are four Catholic sisters and one priest.

The plane is scheduled to return to Laohokow at 8 a.m. today to pick up the second load of missionaries.

Two Chinese Air Force planes also landed at Laohokow yesterday afternoon and evacuated the Chinese staff of a hospital there.

Meanwhile, mothers had been separating youngsters who didn't like the look of each other. Some kids lost themselves. One little chap ran the same way after his hair was combed for the 20th time and refused to tiddle before the judges.

Prizes? \$500 for the winning mother, \$150 each for second and third.

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It is true there were girls in each State more beautiful than those who came to Sydney. But the quest wasn't for the most beautiful girl.

With beauty she had to have intelligence, social charm, a good speaking voice, and near-perfect physical condition.

One tooth on the most insignificant plate was enough to disqualify a girl, and medical examinations were very thorough.

Poor voices eliminated many girls. So did lack of general knowledge. One of the national finalists floundered on this question: "If you were asked in New York how many people lived in Sydney, what would you say?" She thought for a moment and answered: "80,000." Sydney has nearly 1,500,000 people.

Even for the finalists the quest hasn't been all glamour. Photographers have worked them hard. Most of the "leg" pictures were taken with the girls in swim suits on a beach—and it was a d-d-d-d-d-d-d-d-d-d.

At The Zoo
Some candidates were hurried to the zoo, where one fed a cheetah with her own hand and another warily shoved a bunch of hay into the yawning mouth of a hippopotamus.

A third girl, obviously against her will, was enticed into the snake-pit, where one of the inhabitants was draped round her neck.

Then there were hours of changing frocks, parading before the judges, answering questions.

The girls took it well. Organisers claim they were remarkably good-natured, even among themselves. Reporters failed to get one really felicitous note.

Competition of another colour is the "Lovely Motherhood" quest which is raising \$10,000 for the Royal Australian Air Force Memorial Appeal.

To qualify a mother for the semi-finals the sponsoring organisation had to collect at least \$100 for the appeal.

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CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



"Maybe we could get her to wait on us this way—you go up to her, try to make a date, and gradually work the conversation around to menus!"

LETTER FROM THE PACIFIC

Australia this week temporarily lost her Number One citizen, tall and austere Prime Minister Joseph Benedict Chifley. For the first time in seven years, Mr. Chifley was taking a holiday—two weeks in neighbouring New Zealand.

Australians wondered if the going-away publicity dispensed by the Prime Minister's able public relations staff had not been more theatrical than necessary.

When doctors went to the local hospital morgue to conduct post-mortem investigation, the body had disappeared.

How it was done—and why—were the big problems that caused mobilisation of every available South Island policeman for a great manhunt. The chief's car has been found; otherwise there are no clues. Police, tentatively, are looking for a madman. Parents are keeping their children indoors after dusk.

HIDDEN ARMS: Up in Tokyo, the Japanese Parliament and Allied Occupation Authorities alike were disturbed this week by disappearance of stocks of rifles and other arms, surplus from the War. Speaker of the House of Representatives, Komachi Matsuo, announced that "enormous supplies" were missing.

Matsuo said these supplies were being sold on the black market to criminals, and, worse still, ultra-nationalistic "patriot gangs".

General MacArthur's lieutenant began a great arms hunt.

MISSING TEETH: From Perth, Western Australia, where the Pacific and Indian Ocean worlds meet, came this week's most unusual medical story.

Leslie Francis, 38-year-old widower of North Perth, lost a small upper denture with two artificial teeth seven weeks ago. Shortly afterwards, he developed a sore throat, that persisted despite home treatment.

Last week, he reported to Royal Perth Hospital, where an X-ray showed the missing teeth lodged in his throat. After a delicate operation, the throat and teeth situations were cleared up.

DOLLAR DEFICIT: Despite cuts in imports of newsprint, machinery, films, tobacco and textiles from America, the Australian Government at the beginning of this week still feared that it would have a trading deficit of 75 million dollars with the United States in the current year.

By the end of the week, however, Canberra officials were wrenched in smiles—private traders had found a way to cut this deficit in half. Orchids, which grow wild in northern Australia, were being shipped in large quantities to the rich New York market in refrigerated ships. These, with lobsters, fish, oysters, scallops and bivalves, were expected to earn 35 million dollars.

The dollar position was still far from buoyant, however, and economies would have to continue for several years to come. Shortage of motor-cars would continue to be acute.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY
"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

NO TIME FOR LIES

When your own hand is so worthless that the defense against the contract is bound to depend entirely on your partner's hand—that is no time for false-carding, which probably will fool him as much as the declarer.

The only safe time for deception by a defender is when he knows that misleading his partner won't do any harm. That usually is when his own hand contains practically all the important strength held against the declarer.

S. A. 3
H. J. 9 6 4
D. A. K 5 3
C. Q. J 8

S. Q. 10 8
H. 5 4
D. 10 5 3
C. 9 7 6 3

S. 9 2
H. A. K 8 7 2
D. J. 10 4
C. K 7

(Dealer: South, East-West vulnerable.)

	West	North	East
1 H	Pass	3 H	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 H	Pass
6 H			

Here was a case of the Blackwood convention not giving South the answers he needed. If the two aces shown by the 5-Hits response had been in spades and clubs, three fast tricks could have been lost in diamonds; if they had been in the two minors, two quick spade tricks could have been dropped. As it was, three possible losers were in prospect—one each in clubs, diamonds and spades.

South's bidding of the slam was on general principles, and he had to be very lucky to make it.

Tomorrow's Problem

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C. 4 2

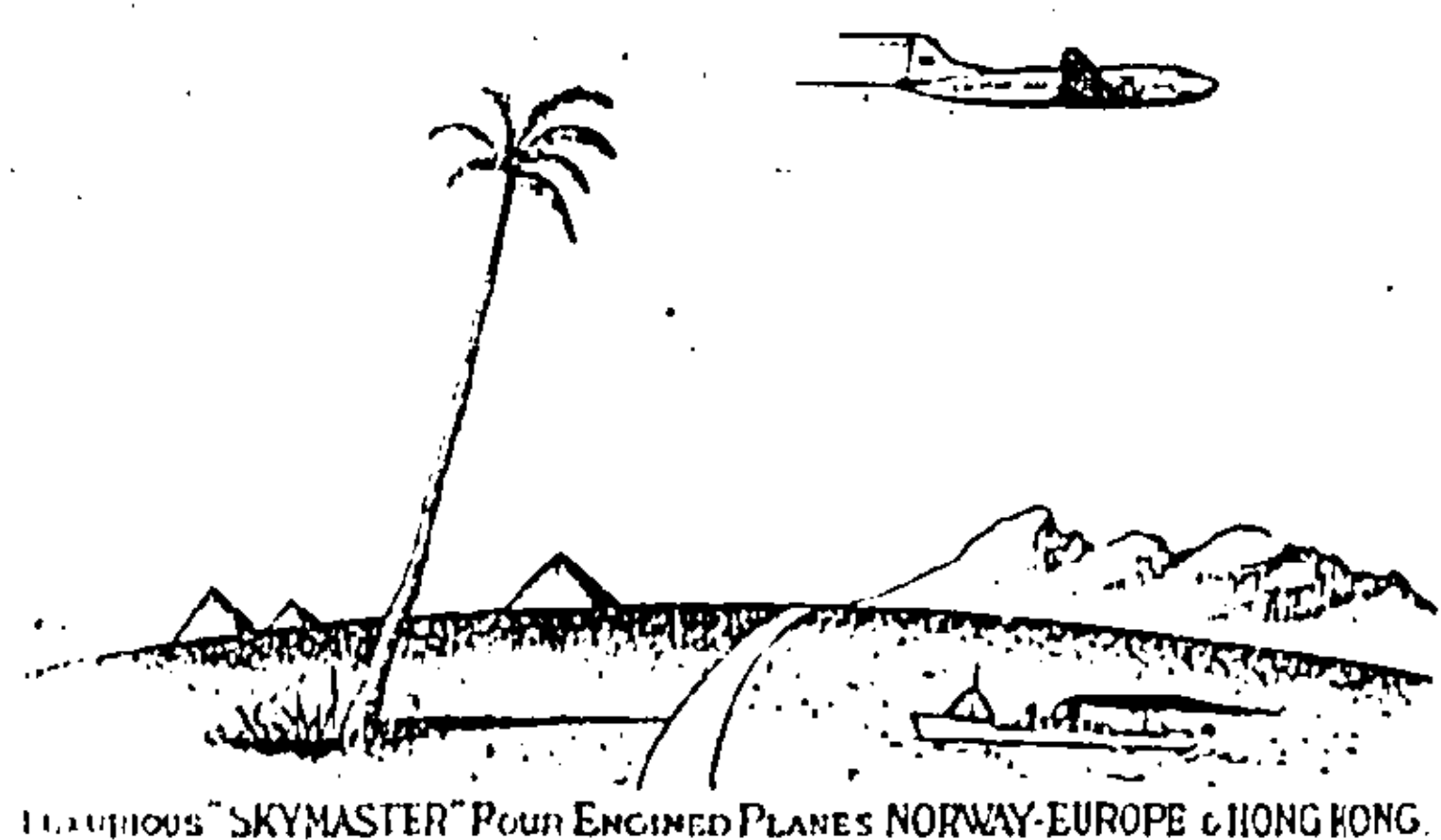
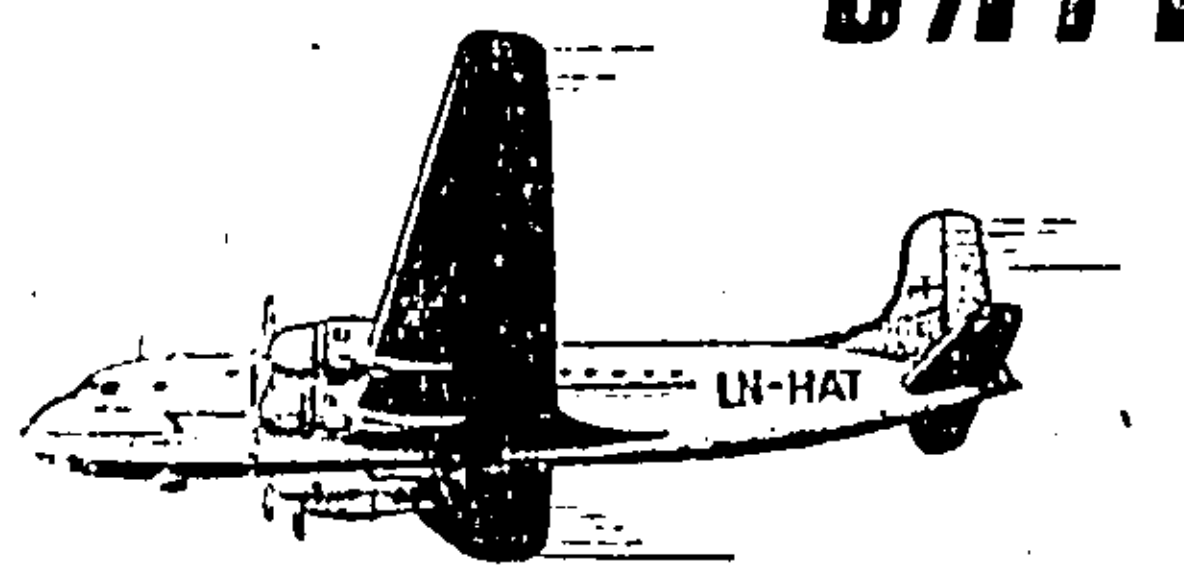
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D. Q. 5
C. 7 6 3

S. K. 9 7 6 5
H. 10 9
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WAVE OF STRIKES IN RUHR

Russian War Of Nerves Peters Out

Three Big Questions

By Clinton B. Conger

Berlin, Jan. 17. Berliners turned their attention today from the war of nerves among the conquerors in this prostrate capital to the waves of strikes sweeping the vital and hungry Ruhr industrial area. Russian editorial threats that the British and the Americans must leave Berlin; Anglo-American rebuttals that it would take force; and documents purporting to blame the crippling of the Ruhr on the Cominform still are under hot discussion here.

But the editorial threat made in the Red Army newspaper, "Pravda," is petering out without a follow-up, surprisingly like the dilution of a real balloon. There was more factitious drama and mystery to be W. S. in the Ruhr. These were the questions:

1. Are the Ruhr strikes due mainly to the fuel crisis or to Communist agitation in a deliberate and planned effort to knock the Ruhr industry out of the fight for success of the Marshall Plan?

2. Will the Communists proceed to open sabotage and violence?

3. Will a general strike be called and succeed?

Two British and American intelligence and military governments, one in the Ruhr and one in the Ruhr, which in the past 48 hours have claimed that the Russians despite the Round-Table editorial well over no circumstances resort to force and the resultant war to reject the Americans and British from Berlin at the present stage of the game.

Insignificant?

They answered in questions may be of little and almost solely to the subject had little significance.

Despite the debate in the Anglo-American camp over the authorities of the allied Cominform "Protocol M" all are seriously alert for further trouble in the United States and British Zones of occupation.

At the present level of German economy, they point out, a handful

of men can wreck communications and transport by overloading the electrical system, by throwing switches on railway lines and by sabotaging locomotives. Food distribution at the Ruhr already at a crisis stage, would collapse and bring the entire Ruhr industry down with it if transportation is seriously disrupted.

And even German workers who are determined to support a bi-lingual Western Germany against the Communists can be convinced to strike for food when they are too hungry to work.

Authorities from General Lucius Clay on down stressed that no additional food will come from outside Germany.

Laughter

At a cocktail party a Polish publisher visiting Berlin refused to believe that the Americans would not be gone in a matter of weeks. But the Russian colonel who publishes the "Pravda" just grinned and drank a toast with me when I asked him how soon I should pack. I reminded him his paper had carried the much-debated editorial. He roared with laughter.

"Did we didn't say when I he insisted."

Then he got serious. He could not be convinced that publication of the reported Cominform "Protocol M" was not a fabricated incident to permit the British and Americans to ban the Communist Party in their Zones. —United Press.

Germans "Behaving Like Germans"

London, Jan. 17.

"The Times," in a sharply worded editorial on the Ruhr food strikes, said today that the "trouble is that the Germans continue stubbornly to behave like Germans."

"German officials consistently fail to carry out their responsibility to collect food from the peasants," "The Times" said.

"This is the principal reason for the situation. The time has gone when it can be the attitude of the Germans themselves. German opinion has begun to make its own voice heard. So far there are few signs of readiness to take on responsibilities or to use above narrow considerations for the sake of what may be food for Germany as a whole."

"The Times" said Berlin is "expanding a war of nerves" and "moving by the Russian-controlled press to spread the belief that the Western Powers can be coerced or enticed to leave Berlin. It is not surprising that the Russians should be anxious to confuse opinion with off-stage noises of those who work to distract attention from what really is going on."

"The editorial concluded that German administrative responsibility will also be needed if the Four Powers fail to set up a currency reform for all Germany and it is necessary to confine the reform to Western Germany."

"More than ever it will be important that the Germans into whose hands these controls are committed shall work them with full recognition of their own responsibilities," "The Times" said.

"Germans can no longer leave, or be allowed to leave, the occupying authorities with the onus of administrative decision."

Red-Document

"The 'Yorkshire Post' today bannered a dispatch saying another Communist document has been found giving 'Germans explicit instructions on how to work for the destruction of the Marshall Plan.'"

The report, claiming the "highest authority," said the document is in the hands of the Foreign Office. A spokesman of the Control Commission denied knowledge of the document. Whitehall sources indicated that British policy will take into account in future Moscow's intentions, to promote disorder in Germany to sabotage the Marshall Plan.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, his survey on Britain's revised foreign policy before the House of Commons next week is expected to warn Russia against interfering.

Military Action?

"The 'Yorkshire Post' said: 'It is believed that Russia is now preparing the German Communists not only for industrial sabotage but for military action which would be carried out under the guidance of picked officers of the German Army who, it is thought, will later be sent to the British and United States Zones.'"

Meanwhile, the Control Commission spokesman in London said "special measures" are being considered to meet the situation in the Ruhr.

The measures under consideration

Albania Blamed

Athens, Jan. 17.

The United Nations Balkan Committee here have reached the conclusion that Albania gave the Greek rebels support in the organization of supplies during the recent Koniza battle.

This conclusion was contained in the second interim report sent by the special United Nations Balkan Commission to Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, dealing more particularly with recent events in the Janina-Koniza area, on the Greek-Albanian frontier.

It was based on the conclusions of its team of observers sent to investigate in that area, from December 29 to January 2 last.—Reuter.

are economic and not political or military, the spokesman added.

Lord Pakenham, Minister-in-Charge of German Affairs, who is expected back in London tonight from extensive talks and investigations in Germany, will report to the Cabinet on the situation.

New political or military measures in the Western Zones are not considered necessary since the situation is well in hand and no surprises are expected, official British sources said.—United Press.

UNO Intervenes In Kashmir Dispute

Lake Success, Jan. 17.

The United Nations Security Council today intervened in the India-Pakistan dispute as India's spokesman appealed for Moslem-Hindu peace in time to save the life of the fasting Mohandas K. Gandhi.

The Council called on both nations to institute "immediate moves" designed to calm the peoples of both nations, and appealed informally to confer over the weekend on a possible settlement of the dispute over Kashmir.

Indian delegate N. Gopalwami and Pakistan Foreign Minister Sir Zafullah Khan promptly agreed to the plan and indicated they intend to confer throughout Sunday and Monday in search of a solution. Sir Zafullah indicated that Pakistan may demand a United Nations police force for Kashmir to halt the fighting between Indian Army forces and Moslem raiders from Pakistan and the Punjab.

He revealed that a proposal for such an international force had been submitted by Pakistan to the Indian authorities and had been turned down. He told reporters, following his five-hour appeal to the Council, that Pakistan still adhered to the plan if attempts for a more peaceable solution fail.

Some delegates were skeptical that the weekend conferences would produce results. They pinned their hope on the strongly worded appeals to Karachi and New Delhi calling for moves to calm the populace.—United Press.

Bevan Warns Doctors

London, Jan. 17.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Minister of Health, today denounced those doctors who are campaigning against the new National Health Act which he sponsored through Parliament but which some medical men claim would make them State servants.

He insisted that the new Health Service would start on July 5 adding:

"That is the will of Parliament, and Parliament is still the supreme authority in Britain."

"The country now awaits and expects the cooperation of the medical world."

Referring to the plebiscite throughout Britain which is to be conducted shortly by the British Medical Association to decide whether the new act shall be accepted as it stands, Mr. Bevan, while opening a new hospital in South Wales, said:

"Doctors should not allow themselves to be too much influenced by statements made by the few persons claiming to speak for the whole medical profession. They should not allow their minds to be inflamed or their judgment distorted by slogans."—Reuter.

Together In Death

Derby, Jan. 17.

A young couple who would have celebrated their first wedding anniversary next month, received fatal injuries in a collision on Burton Road, Derby, last night.

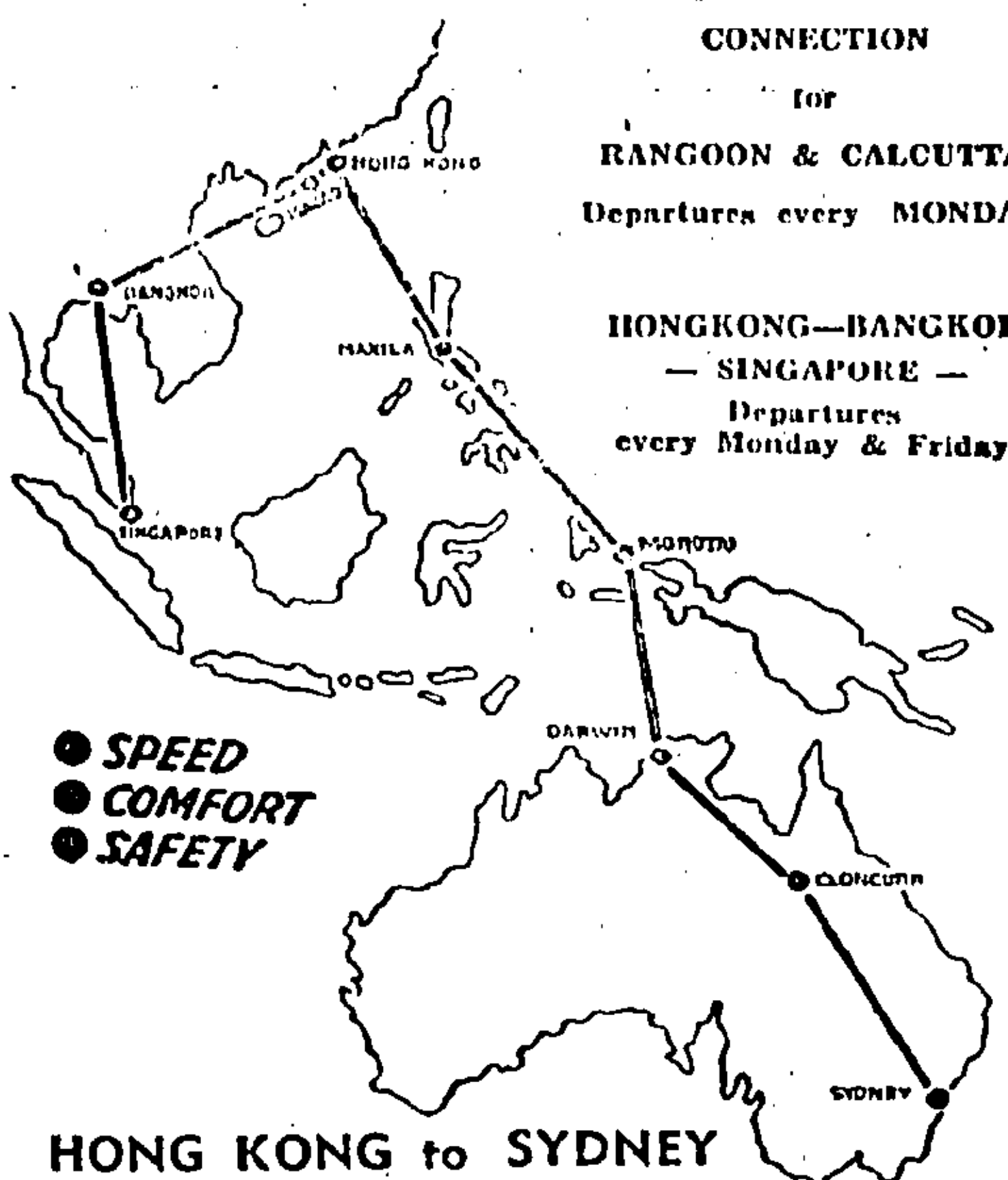
Mrs. Cathleen Dunrose, 18, of Ashtree Avenue, Derby, died on arrival at an infirmary. Her husband, Jack Dunrose, 21, a traveller, died early today.—Reuter.

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Through numbers (44 race \$88.00) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "HONG KONG JERBY" scheduled to be run on the second day, Monday, 19th January. The latter may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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The Treasurers' Comptrollers Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are order in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

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Entries should be submitted to the "Sunday Herald" marked "Vote" in the top left hand corner, not later than Saturday, January 31, 1948. In the case of any dispute, the decision of the Editor will be final.

Who Will Succeed Stalin?

Victor Lewis describes the five men from among whom Stalin's likely to be chosen.

The great game of Russian poker has begun. The audience is 193 millions. The gamblers are five. Stalin holds the rule book.

Sixty-nine, mentally fatigued, physically troubled, Russia's dictator is watching his country prepare for the day when Stalin is but a name in the history books. Behind the "Iron Curtain" the poker-like scheming, bluffing, challenging and subtle evading have been going on for months. Only now has it become possible to piece together something like a running commentary on the play and the players.

Seated on one side of the red baize table is the world's best-known "No. 1" man—Vyacheslav Molotov. He is the only contestant for Stalin's Russian boots of whom the world knows very much. Christened Skryabin (this assumed name means "The Hammer"), there is no sign in this grim little man as he hunches his cards to-day of the youthful stunner which threatened to ban him from politics.

Social Engineer

He plays his metaphorical, accurate, grim. Fifty-seven years, six jail sentences, two periods of exile, have left their mark on this man who is the "Wicked Uncle" of international politics, but the much-loved "Uncle Mikhailevich" of scores of children's parties in Russia. The history which made him a daring, reckless enthusiast and a dashing tennis player is rigidly controlled as this one-time mechanical engineer, who became a social engineer, plays for the Kremlin stakes.

Molotov, "Barn" to his Communist-ranking wife and one-time director of Russia's consular trust holds five strong cards. His attitude to the world as Foreign Minister, Stalin's respect for him more than any other man, the fact that he has held Party post for 17 years, and the fact that he would have the support of at least two of the other players.

On Molotov's left is "the favourite," the plump, perfumed Andrei Zhdanov, who early hitched his wagon to Stalin's star and has since played following-leader so exactly that he apes his master's mannerisms and dress and has grown a Stalin-like moustache. Zhdanov

The danger is in the way he plays it.

He holds three good cards. He is the "Himmler" of the Soviet, the O.G.P.U. (secret police) boss. He is the best



ZHDANOV

educated man around Stalin. He is the boss of Russia's atomic setup. His dangerous cards are the hatred with which he is regarded, and his lifelong enmity with Zhdanov.

Left-Handed General

The fourth player is Nikolai Bulganin, the factory clerk who rose to be the Army chief. Fifty-

two, red-headed, his goatee beard wiggles excitedly as he spreads his cards. He does not seem an enthusiastic player, this left-handed general who admires London's fire brigades, hates pencils and the smell of flowers. He has a poor hand but many of the vast audience urge him on.

His strong card is the Army, (probably the strongest in the pack). It is solidly behind him. Weaker cards, but ones which could become strong, are his one-time chairmanship of the State Bank (though he had no personal bank account at the time), his Lord Mayorship of Moscow and his knowledge of heavy industry.

The last bidder is the large, curly Georgi Malenkov. The hefty, pallid Savonarola of Communism, who thunders against anything corrupt, is 46, has two thin and unruly black hairs. His hand does not look good, but played by this fearless critic of his own colleagues it can be dangerous—very dangerous.

He is a brilliant backstairs intriguer. As deputy Premier he is in effect Stalin's stand-in. His job for years has been to keep an eye on the Party men (he knows the best and the worst of them). He is young and fearless. He has Stalin's ear and Molotov's respect.

There are the players. The game may be a long one. Therefore its end one or two others may try to sit in. And at least one of the five may try to deal off the bottom of the pack.

The Flag Is Not A Mere Rag

However the anti-nationalists may scream that a flag is merely a rag, no sailor will agree with them.

For, unless a ship has the right to run a flag for her master, she is better off than a pirate and is, in fact, classed as a "hull".

It was because Panama withdrew the registration from the illegal Jewish emigrant ships Pan York and Pan Crescent that the Royal Navy could board them in the open sea waiting until they had entered the three-mile limit off the Palestine coast.

And a French, Spanish, Peruvian or Swiss man-of-war would also have had an equal right to board them; for a ship without a flag is liable to seizure by any warship under international law.

The Passport

Any ship on the high seas must be under the protection of some State—even if the State has no seaboard! The ship is regarded as a piece of the territory of that State whose flag she flies.

The members of the ship's company are bound by the laws of the State, and the State issues to the ship a certificate of registration which is, to all intents and purposes, the ship's passport.

If that registration is withdrawn the ship is actually outlawed. If she goes into a port to buy food or fuel she will not be allowed to leave. If she sails, any warship suspicious of her has the right first to run up her own flag and fire a blank shot. This is the signal requiring the other vessel to run her own flag to her masthead.

If the vessel does in fact run up a flag, one of two things will happen: (a) the man-of-war will be satisfied and sheer off; (b) the man-of-war will continue to be suspicious and

send a party to investigate the ship's papers—among them the registration certificate.

If the ship has run up a flag to which she is not entitled—say a Russian ship ran up the Red Ensign—she would be "for it."

The Privateer

No question of Letters of Marque apply to the two ships just boarded; that imposing-sounding document was a commission from a Government to a private vessel authorizing her to function as a warship.

Such a warship was called a privateer, and privateering was outlawed among the advanced nations in 1850, and among almost all nations at The Hague Convention in 1907.

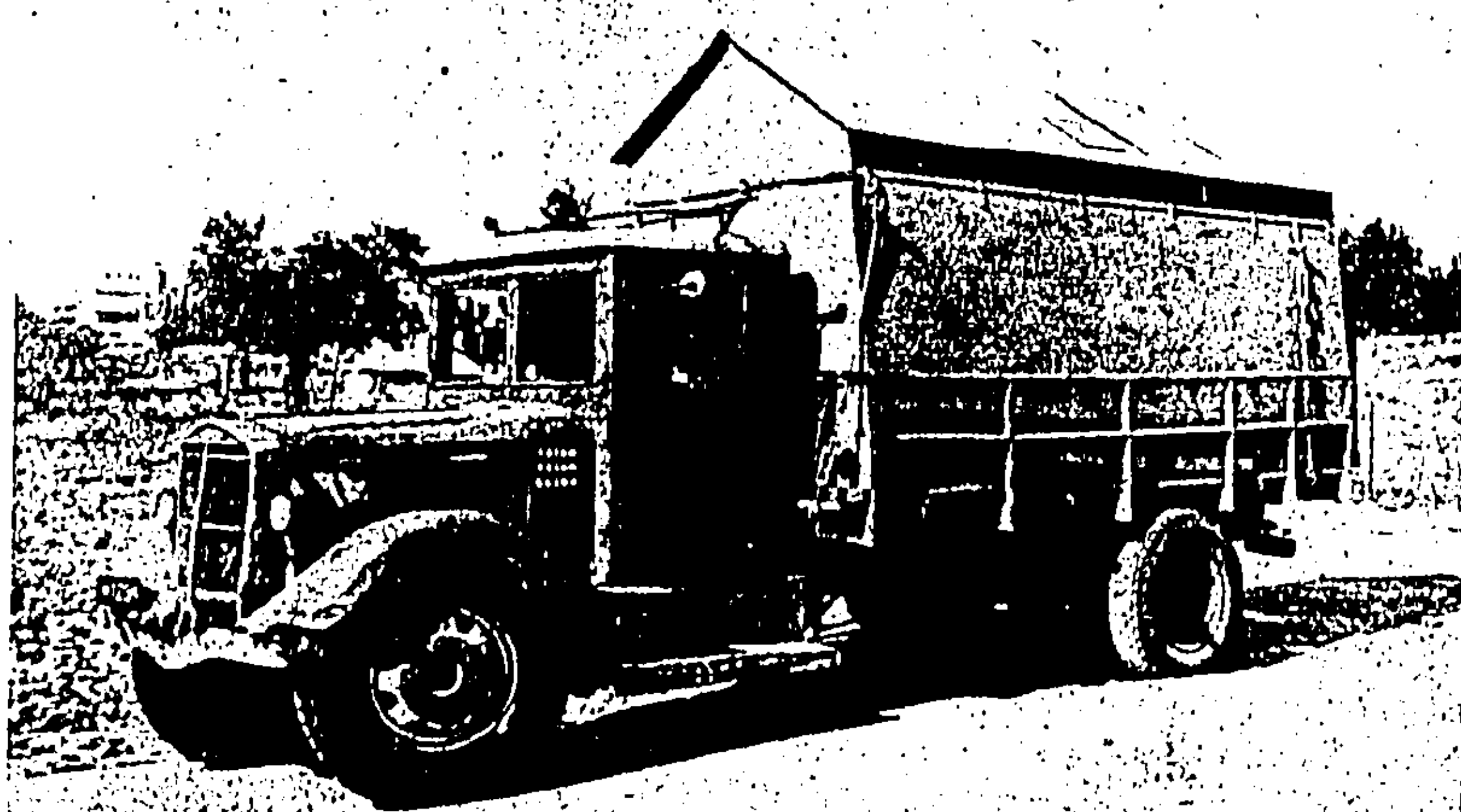
The laws obtaining between ships of various nationalities very precisely as much as the laws of the countries whose flags they fly. Consequently, a British sailor taking service in (say) a Panamanian ship (i.e., one flying the Panamanian flag) is not entitled to the same rights and privileges which would automatically be his in a British ship.

That means, he need not necessarily get the same insurance coverage, would not automatically have the same loading limitation of his safety; but he would still possess his inherent national rights, that is, he could go to the British consul if he were in trouble and ask for a passage home.

A ship possessing British registration must be owned by a British company or individual. It is not so with all other countries, some of which will grant the use of their flag to any other owner willing to pay the given fee (which also varies from ship to ship and from country to country).

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A JERUSALEM "BUS"



With more and more fighting between Arabs and Jews every day, the protection of people on their way to and from work has become an acute problem in Jerusalem. The Jews rigged up an armoured lorry with a steel-plated "bison house" at the back. The rioters have taken little notice of the Palestine Police armoured cars which have been conveying workers and there have been casualties on both sides. (I.P.H.)

CHILDREN AND MARRIAGE

London, Jan. 17. The Church of England is expected today to line up with the Roman Catholic Church and attack the House of Lords ruling that sex relations between husband and wife are not necessarily for the sole purpose of having children.

The Bishop of London told the influential "Church Times" that the bishops will discuss the ruling this month. The Lords ruling came when it refused an annulment of a man who complained his marriage was never consummated because his wife used contraceptives.—United Press.

Channel Tunnel

Paris, Jan. 17. Anglo-French talks opened today on the possibility of a tunnel under the English Channel linking France and Britain by auto and rail.

The project calls for a tube about 28 miles long from Cap Griz Nez to Folkestone. It would lie under an average of 50 feet of earth and from 16 to 220 feet of water.

The idea of a Channel tunnel is a century old but is being discussed now with atomic warfare in mind. Experts believe such a tunnel would be immune from atomic bombs exploded on or above the surface and probably even to those exploded under water.

The cost is estimated at about \$50,000,000.—Associated Press.

Need For Revival Of Religion

Igor Sikorsky, one of America's outstanding aeronautical scientists, advances the view in his new book "The Invisible Encounter" that advances of science mean nothing to mankind unless religious idealism is revived throughout the world and science is employed by "the spiritual life."

In this book, a slender volume of philosophy, the Russian-born Sikorsky who in 1914 designed and built the world's first four-engine bombers for the Imperial Russian Army, has this to say:

"It can be stated definitely that mankind, being controlled and directed by spiritually unconscious or spiritually dead men, would be in the position of a rushing airliner with an unconscious or dead crew in the control cabin. Such leadership cannot create responsible and stable forms for the existence of a human society."

Sikorsky, son of a Professor of Psychology at the University of St. Vladimir in Kiev, the Ukraine, came to the United States more than 25 years ago and since has become noted in American aviation circles for his ability to forecast future developments. His flying boats pioneered passenger routes across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and later he became America's first helicopter builder.

Contrast

In his book, just published by Scribners, the aviation expert recalls that injustice, wars and violence always have existed, but that "the frequency and intensity of disturbances were always counteracted by religious idealism which inspired humanity and mercy." He notes that, in contrast, power based on "the force or regimented masses and limited by nothing" today is steadily gaining preponderance everywhere.

He contends that people must recognize and understand that there is no ground for criticizing or con-

demning acts such as the extermination of several hundred thousand Jews in one country or several million peasants in another unless the whole foundation of materialism is rejected and condemned. Such exterminations, he asserts, have been carried out in a "highly scientific way."

It is Sikorsky's opinion that "a most fatal fanaticism forges stands behind the supreme temptation which a large part of mankind is now ready to accept," and adds: "The Godless man cannot develop into a superman. He may only develop into a superbeast and as such he will inevitably exterminate himself."

Defects

It is not his opinion that earthly organized religion is without defects, and he insists that many, who professed to believe in fundamental commandments of the Christian and other great religions, ignored them. But of these commandments themselves, he says: "They were accepted as supreme goodness and truth and their guiding influence was, therefore, immense."

Today, Sikorsky writes, "A number of intellectual and political leaders of mankind all over the world either openly declare or take for granted that the fundamental ideas of Christ are wrong" and that the opposite ones are right and should be followed.

He concludes that religion is now as much alive as it ever was and that it has not failed mankind; rather, "it is mankind which is abandoning religion and which will bear the tragic consequences of this desertion."

"Our present concerns sink into insignificance when compared with the eternal value of the human personality—a potential child of God which is destined to triumph over life, pain and death," Sikorsky emphasizes, adding that this is the one thing that matters and "No one can take this sublime meaning of life away from us."—Associated Press.

Yap Devastated By Tidal Waves

(By Douglas Lovelace.)

Pearl Harbour, Jan. 17.

Yap, tiny American outpost in the Western Pacific, was devastated on Friday by a giant sea wave which destroyed most of the buildings and foodstuffs that had survived five typhoons since November.

The U.S. Navy, in a brief report from the island, said there were no known casualties among the population of 3,000 which includes 56 American Navy personnel and a half dozen American families. All reached high ground.

Naval authorities ascribed the great wave to a 100 miles an hour typhoon which had decimated the island just 48 hours earlier. Word of Yap's plight came in a short emergency radio message from the Naval Administrator, Commander R. W. Kenney, which said the disaster was appalling and ended: "Urgency of the situation cannot be emphasized too strongly."

He estimated the native population would need food relief for at least six months. The new disaster caused appalling destruction and left more than 85 percent of the island's population homeless, the U.S. Navy report said.

Food Ruined

The island's Commander also said that the typhoon previously had destroyed all food on the island except for taro roots, and these were spoiled by salt water.

Among other damage, huts were blown from 60 per cent of the coconut trees. The Commander's report said the wave of water struck on the west coast with greatest intensity and that families there lost nearly all their possessions.

Virtually all livestock was killed and most of the vegetable growth on which the natives depend for food were destroyed.—Associated Press.

Disaster

Tokyo, Jan. 18. Eleven fishermen are known to be dead and 120 are still missing following severe storms off Kyushu which buffeted a fishing fleet of 91 vessels.

Twenty vessels and their crews are still missing in the high seas which began last Tuesday, say the latest reports. A total of 220 seamen have been rescued from 63 craft which returned to port—most of them badly damaged. Eight fishing boats were sunk.

The loss is estimated at 13,000,000 Yen.—Associated Press.

Berlin, Jan. 17. All 13 passengers were drowned when an Elbe River ferry capsized this afternoon near Magdeburg in the Russian zone of Germany. It was learned here tonight.—Reuter.

Generals Get U.S. Medals

The following is the corrected Reuter version of the story which appeared on Page 11 yesterday:—

London, Jan. 17.

Six British generals have received the King's permission to wear decorations conferred upon them by the President of the United States in recognition of their distinguished services to the cause of the Allies.

Three generals will in future have the right to wear the United States Distinguished Service Medal. They are:

General Sir Miles Christopher Dempsey, who at the age of 47 commanded the British Second Army in France and Germany; Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick Edgeworth Morgan, who took a prominent part in the preparations for D-Day, and Major-General Sir Francis Wilfred de Guingand, wartime Chief of Field Marshal Lord Montgomery.

The American Distinguished Service Medal is a high American military award not normally given to anyone outside the American forces although that rule has been waived several times in both the First and Second World Wars.

Three other generals have received the King's permission to wear the American Legion of Merit (degree of Commander) conferred on them by the President they are:

General Sir Neil Methuen Ritchie, Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force and at one time Commander of the British Eighth Army in Libya against German General Rommel; Lieutenant-General Richard Nelson Gale, leader of the British airborne troops in Normandy; and Lieutenant-General Sir Brian Gwynne Horrocks, who was one of Lord Montgomery's Corps Commanders in France in 1944.—Reuter.

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FIERCE CLASHES EXPECTED IN PARLIAMENT *Labour Govt. Opens Its Second Term Of Office On Tuesday* **CRIPPS EMERGES AS "STRONG MAN"**

London, Jan. 17. Fierce clashes between the Government and the Conservative Opposition on constitutional and social issues are likely to mark the second half of Labour's term of office which opens when Parliament reassembles on Tuesday. With two and a half years of its life remaining, the Labour Government has carried out nearly two-thirds of the Socialist five-year plan which it promised at the 1945 general election, but simultaneously war's aftermath has brought Britain to the brink of economic ruin.

By planned economy, exceeding in some respects the most rigorous wartime ordinances, the Government hopes within the next 12 months to restore Britain's economic equilibrium and to set her on the highway back to prosperity.

At the same time, it will endeavour to carry out some of its Socialist experiments. These include the curtailment of the House of Lords' power to delay legislation and the operation of the national health insurance, originally conceived by Lord Beveridge.

This plan gives conscripted medical service to rich and poor from the cradle to the grave and provides numerous pensions and other benefits.

Within the same period, though not in the next session, the Government will introduce its most controversial Socialist measure—the nationalisation of iron and steel.

By that time, the electricity supply industry will already have become public property and the bill for the nationalisation of the gas supply will be in process of enactment.

Through a high-pressure drive for exports, coupled with domestic retrenchment, the Government hopes to have, by June, bridged the ruinous gap between import and export expenditure.

As the Parliamentary session reopens, the export drive is half way towards its target.

The production of coal and steel have reached record high levels and are still increasing.

Insoluble Problem

The only apparently insoluble problem is the continued heavy dollar deficit that keeps Britain's food and other purchases in hard currency areas to the absolute minimum and will mean indefinite restrictions on the purchases of, for example, petrol, tobacco and films.

Government prestige reached a dangerously low level in November after a year of economic reverse but it has been rising slowly since that date.

The successful trade negotiations with Russia and other countries, the German bi-zonal financial arrangements with America, and the progress of the export drive, all have helped.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, meanwhile, has emerged as the "strong man" of the Government's coordinated drive to get Britain firmly on her feet.

Blasts Of Criticism

With the restart of Parliament, Labour faces fresh blasts of criticism on the political rather than on the economic front.

The predominantly Conservative House of Lords, it is thought, will throw out the Government bill that plans its own undoing when it comes before them for the second reading a fortnight hence.

It may be two years before the bill can be made law. Simultaneously, a storm is blowing up in the medical world against the national health service to be introduced in the summer.

This is part of the all-round social security scheme which is already operating so far as children's allowance and old age pensions are concerned.

The high spot of the opening week of the House of Commons is the two-day foreign affairs debate on Thursday and Friday in which the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest

Bevin, will review the British policy in the light of the failure of the recent "Big Four" Conference in London.—Reuter.

Is This Our Way To Prosperity?

By LESLIE HORE-BELISHA

What are the prospects for Britain in 1948 as seen in the cold light of the day after the celebrations and the bell-ringing?

There are some good portents. The miners are hewing more coal. More steel is being smelted. The textile operatives spin more yarn and weave more cloth.

Never before have so many motor-cars left the production line. Shipbuilding has reached a record.

All this achievement, on any normal basis of reckoning, should spell a higher standard of living in 1948. But it is not to be. We are working not for the home market but for foreign countries. The bees make honey, but not for themselves.

Unfortunately, the British bees have less freedom than the bees of nature. They can no longer get their pollen where they will. The Cripps Plan restricts imports. Part of the new siege economics is to keep the hive here on short commons. There are dangers in this policy.

Long-term Task

To make both ends meet from day to day we have had the assistance of the American Loan. We have had the Canadian Loan. We have had our reserves of gold and dollars. In 1948 we are to have the success of the Marshall Plan.

But the long-term task of Britain is to recover her competitive power in the world, to put herself on a sound commercial footing before these windfalls have disappeared. To do this she must nourish the sources of her strength.

What are these vital sources? First of all, there is shipping. An island nation, living by trade, must have the means of carrying its commerce across the seas.

Well, Britain is building ships, more ships than ever before. But she is not building them solely on her own account, but for her competitors also. Indeed, ships being built on foreign account get priority in equipment. Our tonnage, now standing at 14,500,000 gross, is less by about 2,000,000 than it was before the war.

Airways Task

The loss to the national revenue from this deficiency is estimated at from about £30,000,000 to £40,000,000 a year.

What folly to try to make up this leeway—not by constructing ships that will earn us income but by selling ships that will make income for others!

Just as Britain by her geographical situation was forced to make the sea her principal means of communication, so she should now, and for the same reason, make the highways of the air additional avenues to her prosperity.

But what are we doing? At the outset of the air age the most modern means of transport is shackled by monopoly. We are clamping its development. We are pinioning it. British European Airways has spent more on administration than on flights. A staff of 5,000 to carry 72,000 passengers; £2,000,000 of public money lost in eight months in his one organisation! No, thus will Britain soar to fortune.

France Abandons Experiment

Paris, Jan. 17. Robert Lacoste, French Minister of Industry and Commerce, told an American audience today that France has abandoned her experiment on controlled economy.

Speaking at the annual luncheon of the American Chamber of Commerce in France, Lacoste said his government, after more than two years of trials, had decided to embark on a course of "even greater liberty of exchanges not only among countries, but also among individuals."—Associated Press.

PREJUDICE ENDANGERS DEMOCRACY

Washington, Jan. 17. The U.S. Army told its troops throughout the world today that racial and religious prejudice are endangering democracy and world peace.

"Three-fourths of the people of the world are what we call coloured," the Army said. "Those people naturally look to the treatment of our coloured citizens to see what we really mean when we speak of democracy."

It said the success of the United Nations and its aim of world peace and security depend to a great extent on the way the United States solves its internal problems.

Racial and religious prejudice alienates the confidence of the vast non-white populations as well as other peoples. It thwarts their hopes and our hopes for peace and freedom and ultimately creates conditions from which future global wars can develop.—United Press.

Weekly Market Review

London, Jan. 17. Credit conditions in Lombard Street this week have been rather mixed. The earlier session saw official assistance necessary on a large scale but during the middle part of the week, this was relieved by the expansion of cash reserves in clearing banks, reflecting a greater willingness to lend.

This relief, however, was short-lived and once again the market experienced a period of difficulty. The shortage was due to the absence of Treasury Bill maturities and also to heavy revenue payments. The authorities provided assistance by direct purchases of bills from market houses as well as through banks.

Only moderate business was conducted in the discount market, this being mainly on March maturities. This week's Bank of England return featured a further decline in active note circulation. The decline was nearly £170,000,000. Treasury bills totalled £251,160,000 of which £160,000,000 were allotted at the average rate of 10 shillings 3.41 pence per cent.—Reuter.

U.S. Control Of Exports

New York, Jan. 17. A Washington dispatch to the Journal of Commerce says that all United States exports to all countries of the world may come under Government control in the same manner that all shipments to Europe will come under such control on March 1.

Leading officials of the Office of International Trade and the State Department were unable to give any assurance that this would not happen.—Reuter.

trade disturbances in the pre-war years.

Now is the time to complete the edifice begun at Ottawa. The United Nations is breaking down as an organisation.

The large group of nations have a better chance of survival than the smaller sovereign States.

European Task

The British Commonwealth of Nations could, if firmly consolidated, be more powerful and more economically self-sufficient than either the United States or the Soviet Union. Should we not direct our policy towards this goal?

Likewise in Europe an opportunity is presented for the bringing to birth of another great unit, the United States of Europe.

This is a dream which has long hovered over this distressed continent. The Marshall Plan can translate it into reality. Here, then, are the means of escape from our troubles. In 1948 Britain can take bold strides towards the reconstruction of her own economy, and can help to lead mankind towards that greater unity on which peace and prosperity depend.

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MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

London, Jan. 17.

A Treasury spokesman said today there is "every indication that good progress is being made" in the Anglo-Danish trade talks. He said that another plenary session is expected shortly to hear reports of committees which have been discussing export requirements of both countries.

A spokesman for the Danish Embassy said he understood that both delegations will meet on Monday, presumably to decide on a definite date for the plenary session.

There has been no general meeting since the opening day of the talks on Jan. 6, but continuing progress has been reported in committee sessions.

The Embassy spokesman said the industrial side of the Danish delegation conferred with the British Trade representatives this morning on exporting British goods to Denmark.

He said the Danes were interested in obtaining raw materials while the British wanted to send consumer goods. It was expected some compromise would be worked out.

Representatives of both delegations planned a quiet week-end. No meetings were scheduled for Saturday or Sunday—Associated Press.

N.Y. Stock Market

The Stock Market today emerged from another losing week (the slowest six-session stretch since last May) with mild recoveries appearing for selected favorites although Rails, Oils and many leaders remained in the minus column. In the final apathetic session, Rails slipped as a strike of railwaymen threatened.

Declines of fractions were a shade in the majority at the close. Transfers were 300,000 shares.

Gainers included Glenn Martin, United Airlines, American Airlines, Transcontinental and Western Airlines, Paramount Pictures, Allied Chemicals.

Among laggards were Plymouth Oil, Santa Fe, Gulf Oil, Douglas Aircraft, J.C. Penney.

Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 63.77, Industrials 177.24, 15 Rails 51.02, 10 Utilities 31.29.

Closing stock quotations—Alaska Juneau 24, American Can 70 1/2, American Smelting 64 1/2, American Telephone 15 1/2, American Tobacco 68, American Waterworks 7 1/2, Anaconda Copper 33 1/2, Aviation Corp. 5, Baldwin Locomotive 14 1/2, Barnhart 33 1/2, Bendis Aviation 29, Bethlehem Steel 100 1/2, Boeing 48 1/2, Borden Co. 41 1/2, Canadian Pacific 11 1/2, J.I. Case 43 1/2, Chrysler 60 1/2, Colgate 44 1/2, Commercial Solvent 23 1/2, Corn Products 64 1/2, Dupont 100 1/2, Eastman Kodak 42 1/2, Electric Light & Power 16 1/2, General Electric 35 1/2, General Motors 56, Goodrich 55, Goodyear 34 1/2, Homestead Mining 40, International Harvester 89 1/2, International Paper 60 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 12 1/2, John Manville 39 1/2, Kennecott Copper 10 1/2, Montgomery Ward 51 1/2, National Distillers 20 1/2, National Lead 32, New York Central 14 1/2, Parkland Motors 4 1/2, Pan American Airways 9 1/2, Pennsylvania 10 1/2, Radio Corp. 8 1/2, Reel 80 1/2, Republic Steel 25 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 40 1/2, Schenley 29 1/2, Sears Roebuck 35 1/2, Shell Oil 32 1/2, Sweeney Vacuum 16 1/2, Southern Pacific 47 1/2, Standard Brands 27 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 59 1/2, Standard Oil of N.J. 73 1/2, Studebaker 20 1/2, Union Carbide 31 1/2, Union Carbide 30 1/2, U.S. Rubber 4 1/2, U.S. Steel 67 1/2, Lines 19 1/2, Westinghouse 28 1/2, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 74 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 12—Associated Press.

Finnish Sea-Lane Closed

Helsinki, Jan. 17.

The Soviet Legation in Helsinki announced today that all shipping through territorial waters of Porkkala—the territory west of Helsinki, which Finland leased to Russia as a military base—will be suspended for the rest of this winter.

No reason was given for the decision.

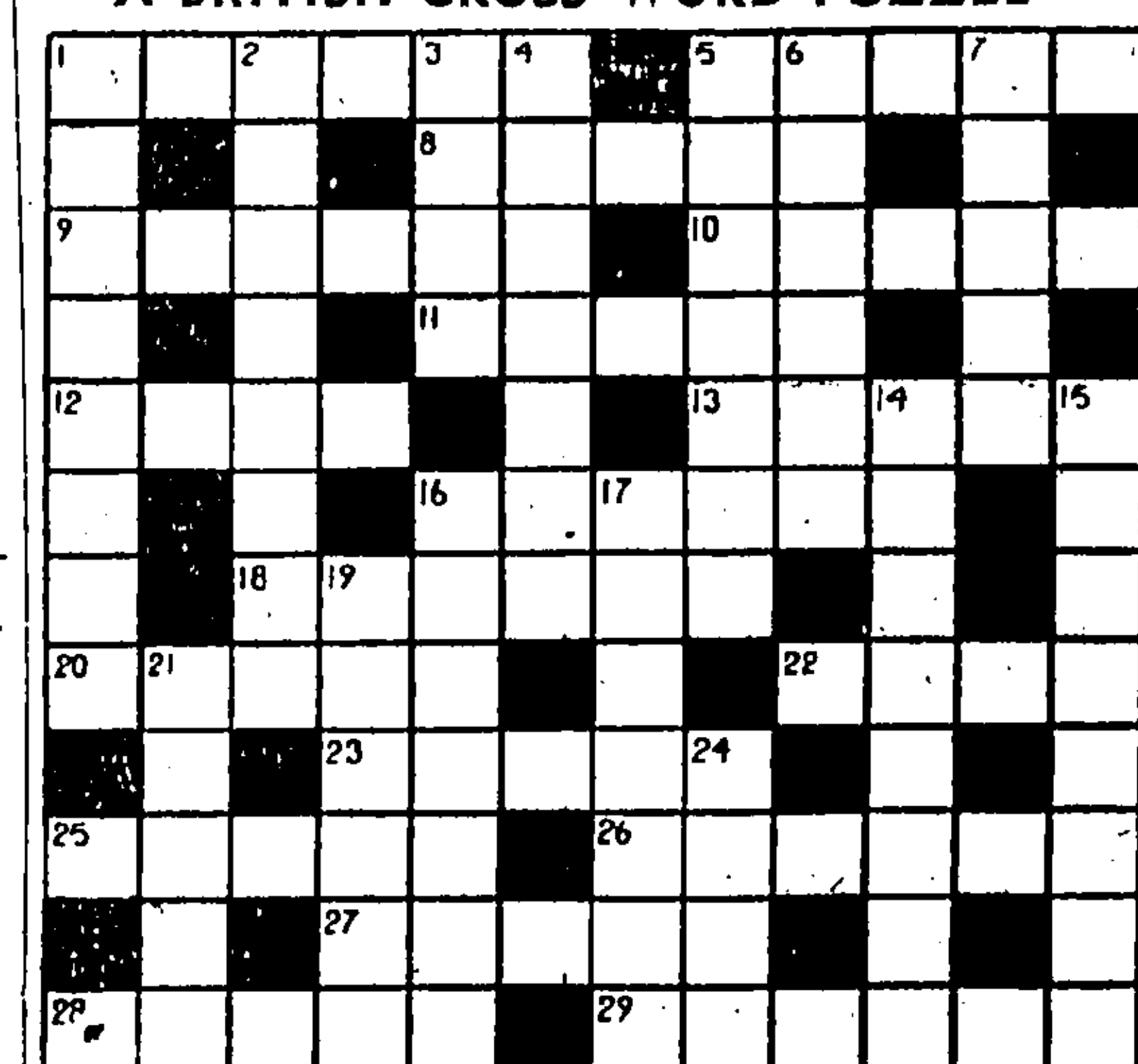
The Russians have extinguished the light buoys and have suspended the pilot service.

The decision means that shipping services from Western Europe to Helsinki, which use Porkkala waters, must stop because the alternative route farther out in the Baltic is blocked by ice.

Ships will, however, still be able to use Turku, Finland's western port.

Reuter.

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Clues Across

- Part of an engine.
- Old horse.
- Stage lower.
- Thrusts.
- Vehicle.
- Harden.
- Utter defeat.
- Distributed.
- Prejudice against.
- Hoover.
- Storage chamber.
- Share certificate.
- Roof cover.
- ing.
- Abating mark.
- Musical instrument.
- Stock.
- Sewing implement.

Clues Down

- Travellers.
- Unusual.
- Metals in.
- The rough.
- Quick seller.
- Withdraws.
- Not so hot.
- Surpass.
- Shortened.
- Earnest.
- Strict liver.
- Wise counsel.
- Creek.
- Glass panel.
- Leader.
- Spent.
- Parade.
- Hied.
- Ditty.
- Dogged.
- Down—1 Rash; 2 Decm; 3 Lahr; 4 Eleven; 5 Forlorn; 6 Ruining; 7 Emerged; 8 Carol; 9 Refused; 10 Dialed; 11 Wealthy; 12 Auger; 13 Shaped; 14 Dado; 22 Rang; 23 Mend.

Saturday's Crossword

Across—1 Riddle, 5 Force, 8 Alto, 9 Specie, 11 Raize, 12 Marvel, 13 Down, 16 Range, 18 Exile, 19 Snug.

Goat Got Its Ration

Ipswich, Jan. 17.

A woman who keeps a goat to supply her family with milk, was very distressed the other day when the animal walked into the kitchen and ate a ration card which was lying on the table.

She wrote to the appropriate department asking for duplicate ration card, adding: "PS. I am an honest woman."

The official answer read: "Although none can deny that the goat has had its ration, a duplicated ration card will be issued."

PS. Only the goat's honesty is in doubt.—Reuter.

Lost: One Building

New York, Jan. 17.

A real estate man reported a property loss today. He said his building was missing.

Harry Bonuck told city officials that his building was a tall building, as buildings go. It was last seen six weeks ago.

He had a first mortgage and a tax lien on it, and was all set to acquire official title. But the building isn't there any more. Just a bare plot.

When Bonuck recovered from his shock he hot-footed over to the Department of Housing and Buildings. They said they had no record of it at all.—United Press.

Inquiry Into Sale Of Arms

Washington, Jan. 17.

A Congressional investigation into the sale of surplus explosives and other potential war supplies to foreign countries was announced today by Representative Moss Ritzley, Republican of Oklahoma.

Ritzley said his House of Representatives' Committee on Surplus Properties will begin hearings next week with the particular aim of stopping shipment of war materials to Russia and other Communist countries.

The inquiry was called for in connection with the case in New Jersey recently when 60,000 lbs. of TNT purchased from the War Assets Administration were discovered consigned for Palestine on board an American ship.

Representative Ritzley said he had received an assurance from Averell Harriman, Secretary of Commerce, that such shipments are now halted under the Export-Import Regulation.—Associated Press.

Gold For Greece

Athens, Jan. 17.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has released 58,000 ounces of the gold belonging to Greece so that the Greek Government can, by free sales in Athens, try to halt the drop in the drachma.

The gold will be converted into sovereigns and flown to Greece immediately.

The release came after an urgent and direct appeal earlier this month by the Greek Government for the release of Greek gold with the Federal Reserve Bank, because of the serious depletion of the reserves of the Bank of Greece in Athens, where the price of the gold sovereign was soaring and causing the cost of living and wages to rise.—Reuter.

Ship Strays Into A Mined Area

Athens, Jan. 17.

The Norwegian merchant ship "Svein Juri" struck a mine in the Bay of Patras, west of the Gulf of Corinth, last night after having strayed into a mined area.

It was stated, following an enquiry by the port authorities at Patras, according to the Greek news agency tonight.

The "Svein Juri" was on her way from Istanbul to Patras to pick up a cargo of curricula for British and last touched at Kalamata. As she entered the Bay of Patras she took a course outside the safe channel and sailed into a mined zone, the Patras authorities said.

Reports indicated that she struck a moored mine. She sank in three minutes. Fourteen of the crew, including the master and first mate were rescued, but nine, including the stewardess, were still missing to night and were feared drowned.

The master was saved after being thrown into the sea by the force of the explosion while he was asleep.—Reuter.

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"TSINAN"	Swatow	2 p.m. 20th Jan.
"FUKIEN"	Yokohama & Kobe	4 p.m. 21st Jan.
"HANYANG"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 25th Jan.
"NANCHANG"	Swatow & Singapore	1 p.m. 26th Jan.
"SZECHUAN"	Swatow, Bangkok & Saigon	2 p.m. 28th Jan.
"FENGHU"	Singapore, Batavia, Sourabaya & Macassar	7 a.m. 29th Jan.
"NINGHAI"	Salmon & Singapore	4 p.m. 29th Jan.

* Sails from Custodian Wharf

ARRIVALS FROM

"HANYANG"	Shanghai	23rd Jan.
"FUKIEN"	Fuzhou, Shanghai & Fenchow	23rd Jan.
"NANCHANG"	Singapore	24th Jan.
"SZECHUAN"	Bangkok, Saigon & Swatow	a.m. 25th Jan.

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"MENELAUS"	U.K. via Straits	25th Jan.
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"ADRASTUS"	Tangier Liverpool via Port Said	28th Jan.
"MENELAUS"	Genoa via Port Said	31st Jan.
"PRIAM"	Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool and Glasgow via Port Said	Early Feb.

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Arrivals from

"PRIAM"	U.S.A. via Manila and Shanghai	8th Feb.
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"YUNNAN"	Australia via Manila	23rd Jan.
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ARRIVALS FROM

Singapore via Bangkok:
 Jan. 21, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.
 Manila:
 Jan. 20, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.
 Jan. 22, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.
 Shanghai:
 Daily, CNAC (DC4), 10.45 a.m.
 San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai):
 Jan. 22, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.
 San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila):
 Jan. 21, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Canton:
 Daily, H.K. Airways, 10.50 a.m. and 5.20 p.m.

DEPARTURES TO

Singapore via Bangkok:
 Jan. 19, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.
 Jan. 20, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.
 Singapore:
 Jan. 19, BOAC, 7.30 a.m.

Manila:
 Jan. 19, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.
 Jan. 21, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.

Shanghai:
 Daily, CNAC (DC4), 11.30 a.m.
 San Francisco (via Manila, Wake, Guam, Honolulu):
 Jan. 19, Pan-American, 8 a.m.
 San Francisco (via Shanghai, Okinawa, Guam, Wake, Honolulu):
 Jan. 23, Pan-American 10 a.m.

Canton:
 Daily, H.K. Airways, 8.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
 Jan. 19, Air France, 6.30 a.m.

Sweden Wins Pre-Olympics

At a Jan. 17 Sweden, carried off the first place in both the men and women's international pre-Olympic event here today when six nations (Argentina, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Norway and Sweden, besides a local Swiss team) took part. The races were over a 3.2 kilometres course with a 620 metres drop.

The men's results were: Hans Anton (Sweden) 3 minutes 16 seconds (first), Stein Eriksson (Norway) 3 minutes 19 seconds (second), Stip Bollander (Sweden) 3 minutes 20.2 seconds (third).

The women's results were: May Nilsson (Sweden) 3 minutes 19.6 seconds (first), Jozeina Monserova (Czechoslovakia) 3 minutes 59.2 seconds (second), Alexandra Neryanulova (Czechoslovakia) 4 minutes 3 seconds (third).

The Canadian team due to participate did not compete in order not to risk any further accidents.—Reuter.

London, Jan. 17. Bruce Woodcock, British, British Empire and European heavyweight champion, who is again in the Leeds itinerary with eye trouble, has been advised to rest for a week in the interim, following his examination by an eye specialist today. During this time, he will be under constant medical observation.—Reuter.

Baghdad, Jan. 17. Law, engineering and higher training college students declared a three-day "general strike" here today in protest against the signing of the new Anglo-Iraqi treaty last Thursday.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the Ordinary Mail. If Mail close before 10.00 a.m. Registered and Parcel Post close at 5.00 p.m. on previous day.

MONDAY, JAN. 19
 Closing Times By Air
 Airmail for Manila P.L. (Reg.) 9 a.m.
 Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m.
 Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking: Airmail for Canton, Luchow and Kumingling (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
 Airmail for Hobei: Airmail for Swatow and Fuchow, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train
 Canton, 7 a.m.
 Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi, 8 a.m.
 Swatow and Amoy, 10 a.m.
 Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi, 1 p.m.
 Canton, 2 p.m.
 Shanghai, Hongkong, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcel for Canada), (Star and Reg.) 2.50 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.
 Japan (Ord. letters and cards only), 3 p.m.
 Manila P.L., 3 p.m.
 Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi, 4 p.m.
 Kumingling, 4 p.m.
 Canton, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 20
 Closing Times By Air
 Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
 Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
 Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Ceylon, Madras, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Yokohama, Australia and London, Kowloon, C.P.O. (Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.; G.P.O. (Reg.) 1 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
 Airmail for Amoy and Fuchow: Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
 Airmail for Swatow, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
 Closing Times By Sea and Train
 Canton, 7 a.m.
 Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi, 8 a.m.
 Hongkong, 10 a.m.

Ship Movements

San Francisco, Jan. 17. "General M. E. Meigs" arrived from Yokohama, "Chung Hing" from Manila, "President Madison" departed for Manila.

Seattle, Jan. 17. "William H. Kendrick" arrived from Manila, "Honolulu" departed for Manila, "Asa" departed for Seattle.

New York, Jan. 17. Sol Strauss, acting director of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club which runs Madison Square Garden shows, offered Marcel Cerdan, European middleweight champion, a fight with Lavern Roach, an ex-Marine from Plainville, Texas. This follows the splendid display by Roach in outpointing Tony Janiro of Youngstown, Ohio, last night.

Strauss proposes that a Roach-Cerdan bout be held and predicts it will draw over \$100,000.

He feels sure that Cerdan, who is expected back in America in a few weeks time, would be willing to take on Roach.

Janiro was completely outclassed last night, showing none of that artistic ability that made him a great favourite with Garden fans.

It was Roach's 18th consecutive win and the "Ring" recently named him as the best prospect of 1947.—Reuter.

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Assets	
Cash on hand, in banks and in Bank of Canada	\$ 402,057,876.79
Government, provincial and municipal securities, not exceeding market value	875,847,469.18
Other bonds, debentures and stocks, not exceeding market value	116,609,788.71
Call loans	42,612,791.49
Other loans	607,038,337.85
Liabilities of customers under letters of credit	72,190,305.81
Other assets	17,484,647.78
	\$2,093,041,218.61

Liabilities	
Capital, reserve and undivided profits	\$ 78,474,246.65
Notes of the Bank in circulation	4,760,700.72
Domestic and provincial government deposits	88,980,116.16
Other deposits	1,846,205,532.97
Other liabilities	70,220,419.21
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S.S. "KUTSANG"	to Straits & Calcutta	30th Jan.

ARRIVALS

S.S. "HINSANG"	from Fenchow & Shanghai	20th Jan.
S.S. "WOSANG"	from Calcutta & Chinglong	21st Jan.
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M.V. "GLENARTNEY"	Sailed from London 23rd Dec. via Suez & Straits due early Feb.
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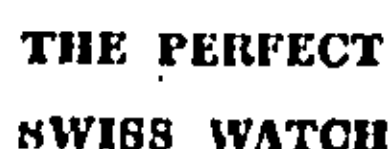
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London Irish 13 London Hospital 0; Old Merchant Taylors 3 Slough 9; Old Paulines 5 Weston Super Mare 10; Richmond 0 Cambridge University 19; St. Bart's Hospital 0 Aldershot Services 7; St. Mary's Hospital 8 Birmingham 3; Abercromby 6 King's College Hospital 0; Bedford 11 Notts 0; Bridgewater and Albion 5 Plymouth 0; Penarth 10 Newry 9; Camberley 0 Cardiff 3 Bath 0; Cheltenham 6 Exeter 1; Wokingham 10 Winchester 10; Bournemouth 10 Bournemouth & District 10; Manchester 0 Birkenhead Park 2; Macclesfield 10; Northampton 10; Mosley 9 Roselynn Park 7; Northampton 13 Bristol 0; Newcastle 0 Leicester 14; Ealing 10; Telford 3; Torquay Athletic 10; Sale 14 Bradford 0 Stroud 1; Reme Aborford 0; Swansea Remo Aborford 0; Somerset Police 3 Barnstaple 3; United Services Portsmouth 15 Old Cranleighans 9; Herts. Forester Pupils 0 Gala 6; Wakefield 10 Jedforest 0 (abandoned) Ireland 10 (abandoned); Ireland 10 (abandoned); Wales 10 Ireland 10; Waterbury 5 Warrs 6 Falmouth 14; St. Thomas's Hospital 11 Hayle 3; Reuter.